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## Atom health chief warning on children

### Advice to 'worried' workers at Sellafield

By Ronald Faux, Sheila Gunn and Thomson Prentice

fear their children may develop cancer might be best advised not to have a family, the director of health and safety at the Cumbrian nuclear plant said yesterday.

Dr Roger Berry's remarks in the wake of Professor Martin Gardner's report linking radiation in men working at the plant and leukaemia in their children were immediately condemned by environmental groups and disowned by British Nuclear Fuels, which runs Sellafield.

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They came at a news conference after Professor Gardner of Southampton University met 900 Sellafield workers to explain the implications of his report which showed that the likelihood of a child developing cancer was seven times the national average if its father had been exposed to radiation at the

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#### Rebel with a majority?

 "Next Sunday he may become a member of that very rare breed: revolutionary leftists with a more or is

democratic mandate. As Nicaragua gears itself up for its first fully contested election since the overthrow of Anastasio

Sornoza, we profile Daniel Ortega. See page 13

 The recent storms may bring about a change in the way media forecasters present the weather.

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 There were three winners of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize (see page 3). Today's chance to win is on page 33

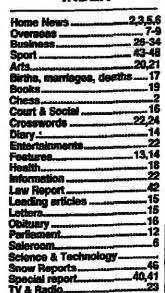
#### Lloyds lifts mortgage rate

Lloyds Bank has raised its mortgage rate to a record 15.7 per cent, fuelling fears of even higher increases to come. The Alliance & Leicester and National & Provincial, two of Britain's largest building societies, both increased rates to 15.4 per cent ....

### Accountancy

examinations The Institute of Chartered Accountants' exam results will be published in The Times on Saturday. Copies of the paper will be available from 10pm on Friday evening at Victoria and King's Cross stations, Leicester Square, Marole Arch and Charing Cross.

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Sellafield workers who plant before conception. Ask- expert, said Britain's Magnox ed what was the best advice to power stations an a fuel give any worker worried about the report, Dr Berry replied: "If some of them are especially worried, the proper advice may be for them not to have a family. That would be the right advice for someone

who is that worried, but it is very much a personal matter." Mr Jim Begbie, convener of the GMB craft section at the plant, described Dr Berry's answer as a harsh and unbelp-

ful statement; and British Photograph

Nuclear Fuels said it was not

company policy to advise workers not to have children. Mr Stan Crush of Green-peace said: "It is outrageous that Dr Berry can even consider advising workers not to have children. It is not for the workers to change their ways, but for British Nuclear Fuels

Friends of the Earth said it was not acceptable to state the the workforce's children might lenkaemia and that it was the workers' responsibility not to have children to avoid this.

to stop its dangerous

"It is British Nuclear Fuels' responsibility to ensure that its workforce is not exposed to levels of radiation that create this risk. We demand an immediate reduction in the annual dose limits from 50 to 10 muhsieverts

Professor Gardner also called for British Nuclear Fuels to reduce the level of exposure of its workers. "The levels must be as low as can possibly be achieved," he said.

The meeting at Sellafield came as Ministry of Defence Officials and trade unionists warned MPs that the Trident project could be put in jeop-ardy because of staff shortages ardy because of staff shortages and safety fears within the nuclear industry.

And Mr John Large, a understanding independent nuclear association."

Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the

Polish Prime Minister, yester-

day called for urgent European

talks at which both Germanies

and Warsaw would affirm the western frontiers of Poland.

The conference, Mr Maz-owiecki said, should be held soon after next month's East

German elections and would

include Poland, the two Ger-

man states and the four allied

The plan is for both Germanies to initial the peace

treaty anchoring Poland's bor-

der. The pact would be finally signed by a unified Germany.

Mr Mazowiecki, who sent details of the proposals to the

leaders of Britain, the United States and France, but not to

Bonn or East Berlin, regards

the conference as a prelude to

four allied powers and the two

at Sellafield may have to be

abandoned as uneconomic if

to the Trident project came

when the director of the

Atomic Weapons Establish-

ment, Aldermaston, told the

Commons defence committee

that difficulties in recruiting

and retaining staff meant the

programme could not be met

ithout using contract staff.

services secretary of the

Transport and General Work-

ers' Union, said all nuclear

establishments were facing

horrific problems in the wake

of Professor Gardner's report.

"In the past there was scan-dalous neglect. At first glance

the problems are horrific," he

Mr Richard Keep, a TGWU

official at Aldermaston, said

there was particular concern

about safety and he feared that

standards would fall if work

was contracted out. There were clear differences in stan-

dards between staff employed by the Ministry of Defence

and outside contractors:

"Everything, right down to the tears in suits being worn, show

vast differences in safety. The

outside contractors are less

safety conscious. They are

have considerable consequen-

ces for nuclear plant operators

around the world, according to an editorial in today's issue

Although it is not yet

proven that radiation expo-sure of adult males sometimes

leads to the birth of children

with leukaemia, the suspected

link is bound to be elevated

from its status as an untested hypothesis, the journal says.

"An urgent need will quickly be felt for a fuller

understanding of the reported

Germanies, at talks that affect

its borders, but is not laying

claim to participation in the

detailed discussions on un-

"Poland does not aspire to

similar status to the two

German states or the great

Warsaw trail-blazers ....

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Leading article.

**Nervous Poles call** 

for talks on border

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Mr Jack Dromey, public

tected from radiation.

### Thatcher warms to a joke by Heath



When the saiping had to stop: Mrs Thatcher laughing as Mr Heath cracks a joke at his Savoy celebration hunch yesterday.

## quickly

By Richard Ford Political Corresponden

21/2 hours yesterday bet Mr Edward Heath and Mrs
Thatcher as the old adversaries celebrated with almost 500 guests his 40 years as an MP.

But barely had the last mouthful of chocolate mousse been digested and the crowd departed than hostilities remed with a vengeance.

Before and after the lunch at the Savoy Hotel, London, the former Prime Minister launched stinging attacks on his successor's economic policy and its attitudes towards



rica, the European Community and German unity.

Outside the Savoy, he dis missed Mrs Thatcher's speech last weekend in which she voiced fears over German unity and said it was under-standable that, for some, bitter memories of the past would colour their view of the

There might be suspicion on German unity in some quar-ters, and he regretted remarks made last Sunday. They are not evil people. We got rid of

which should break new

tainment and information

transmission standards," said

Mr Murdoch, chief executive

of The News Corporation. His

Sky Television launched four

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channels a year ago.

Mr Rupert Murdoch is help- have great confidence in the

ing to launch up to 108 proposed Hughes technology,

The \$1 billion Sky Cable ground for future enter-

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satellite channels in the US.

service involves The News

Corporation, NBC, Cablvis-

ion Systems Corporation and

The most powerful trans-

mitter yet for commercial use

will be launched in 1993. "We

Hughes Communications.

### Overspending by councils |\$1bn TV venture in US may hit £3bn, Patten says

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

billion overshoot on what the Government considered to be reasonable under the community charge, Mr Chris Patten said vesterday.

The Secretary of State for the Environment, responding to rising Conservative concern over poll tax estimates. made plain that the Government would fulfil its responsibilities to cap "outrageous" community charges. He declined, however, to disclose

Local authority spending The £3 billion figure would be However, Whitehall sources could be heading for a £3 10 per cent above what the say that suggestions that he Government regards as reasonable for local authority expenditure next year.

Mr Patten's warning came amid strong indications that

Political sketch...

he will be seeking a substantial increase in resources for local authorities in 1991/92 from the Treasury to lessen the political damage done to the the extent of planned capping.

say that suggestions that he will be looking for a £2 billion increase are only guesswork.

Senior Conservative MPs believe that the likelihood of such a large overshoot means it is certain Mr Patten will win a large increase

Many believe that the Govcommunity charge in many areas were wildly unrealistic.

The Government's estimate for local authority spending next year of £32.8 billion was

#### Government by the charge. Continued on page 24, col 7 Waldegrave defends line

defended its decision to go it alone over relaxing sanctions against South Africa as the Labour Party claimed that it

Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said it was im-portant to make a "symbolic but practical response" to President de Klerk's reform moves. And he attacked the "humbug" that was spoken about sanctions.

But there were strong signs

ease about the Government's decision to defy its EC partners and to lift the ban on new investment in South Africa.

Ivor Stanbrook and Mr Peter Temple-Morris, headed a motion signed by more than 100 MPs criticizing the decision.

After a report from Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign Sec-retary, the Cabinet is expected to confirm the decision at its weekly meeting today.

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### Fund advice

The Government has been

powers," Mr Mazowiecki said.
"But it is precisely we who
have a thousand-kilometre
frontier with Germany and so, However, the Department in that part of the conference devoted to the security of the neighbours, we should be present." Poles felt they were excluded from the European carve-up, at Yalta, and do not want to be locked out again.

the "two-plus-four" meeting on German unity. Warsaw wants a seat, along with the conference, which decided Continued on page 24, col 2

### 'unlawful'

forced to revise its guidance on the operation of its £203 million Social Fund after the High Court ruled yesterday that existing guidelines were "unlawful" (Jill Sherman writes).

of Social Security said last night that ministers may de-cide to replace the "defective" guidance with a directive instructing local officers how to manage the scheme of grants and loans to stay within budget. The pattern of awards would not change.

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Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, decided in January to exempt for six months the 670 tonnes of ivory held by merchants in Hong Kong from the ban agreed at the October conference

in Lausanne, Switzerland, of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species.

The ban, which came into force on January 18, is intended to ensure the survival of the African elephant, whose numbers have crashed catastrophically at the hands of poachers from 1.3 million 10 years ago to just over 600,000 today. The Hong Kong stockpile,

elephants, was at one stage thought to be worth about £84 million. Hong Kong officials told the Lausanne conference that 3,000 carvers and workers depended on it for their livelihood.

Dr Leakey said yesterday that in the period from last May to early January Kenya had lost fewer than 60 elephants to poachers, but in the past month alone, since the British decision on Hong Kong, between 30 and 40 animals had been killed. "There is no question at all that

there is a direct link," he said. Last night the Foreign Office rejected Dr Leakey's charge. It said that no ivory whatsoever was permitted to be imported into Hong Kong. "We have absolute confidence in the Hong Kong Government's system of controls.'

#### on Pretoria sanctions By Our Chief Political Correspondent The Government yesterday yesterday of Conservative un-

#### amounted to a "miserable humiliation" for Britain. Two Conservatives, Mr Mr William Waldegrave,

### "Dirty tricks", page 9

#### Britain accused of 'stab in the back' over ivory months. It is a stab in the back for everyone concerned." By Michael McCarthy Environment Correspondent equivalent to the tusks of about 70,000 Britain's decision last month to exempt



the huge Hong Kong ivory stockpile from the world ban on the ivory trade has led directly to an upsurge in elephant said yesterday.

poaching in Africa, Dr Richard Leakey. director of the Kenyan Wildlife Service, Elephants' defender... The decision was "a disaster" which

had sent a message to poachers and traders all over Africa and in the Middle East that ivory could again be sold, Dr Leakey said. Speaking in London on a world tour to raise funds for Kenya's national parks, Dr Leakey said: "The British Government decision has almost nullified the gains made in trying to save the African elephant over the last six

### 'Catastrophic effect' if ambulance pay talks collapse

dispute were last night warned by the management. that failure to achieve a peace settlement at today's talks could have a "catastrophic"

The warning, from Mr Vernon Jolliffe, leader of the Association of Chief Ambulance Officers, came as representatives from both sides prepared for the meeting of the industry's Whitley Council in a mood of con-

Although both sides refused to give details of the skeleton agreement reached during the talks at the offices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service on Monday night, it is understood the unions have virtually ac-cepted they will not achieve the pay bergaining mechanism which has been central to their

One leading union source said last night; "There may be a form of words to fudge the issue but we are not expecting the kind of mechanism we wanted to tie our rates in future to inflation and to firefighters and policemen."

He added: "Because of the hardship suffered there will be a lot of anger although there will probably be a small majority in favour of ending

In return for watering down that demand, the union leaders are thought to have been offered a two-year deal worth about 15 per cent which would add about £23 million to the NHS wage bill. They had been asking for a one-year 11.4 per per cent rise against the 9 per

suggestion enabling them to be paid more money would be

the restoration of full overtime rates for weekend and unsocial hours working. reement on additional payments for more highly skilled paramedical staff, giving them

rises of more than 16 per cent in London and more than 14 per cent elsewhere. Mr Jolliffe said: "Having seen hopes built up, it would be catastrophic if the next few days failed to deliver a

"My fear is that more and more staff will go on strike or

A disaster of this kind must not be allowed to happen 9

even leave the service unless there is a quick settlement". Since the dispute began, scores of ambulance workers most of whom earn £10,093 a year, have left for better paid

An immediate indication of anger over reports that the pay mechanism may be dropped came from Merseyside where crews have voted for an

indefinite strike. One shop steward said: "It will be a total waste of time if we accept a deal which does not include a pay formula." Mr David Skinner, head of

Both sides in the ambulance cent over 18 months offered ing the dispute there had been at least one avoidable death in It is understood that one every main London accident and emergency department.

"The dispute has been a disaster for the ambulance service, a disaster for accident and emergency medicine and There is also likely to be a disaster for the patient."

Mr David Ferguson, consul-tant in accident and emergency medicine at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, dismissed fears that people had been left to die during the dispute.

"There was a lot of concern that folk were dying in the street which really did not "We were never able to

prove that our mortality fig-ures were higher than prior to ● A Red Cross ambulance driver who was involved in a crash as he answered an

emergency call during the

dispute is to face court action. Police have summonsed Mr Anthony Pownall to appear before magistrates at Solihull, West Midlands, to answer a charge of driving without due care and attention.

Mr Pownall was at the wheel of a Red Cross ambulance which was standing in for striking crews last November when it was involved in a head-on smash with a car near Solihull town centre. A woman motorist was slightly

The crash in Lode Lane quarters of the West Midlands the casualty department at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, estimated that dur-to the aid of injured drivers. bulance men in dispute went Sellafield workers' cancer teach-in



Nuclear warning: Professor Martin Gardner, second from left, with Sellafield conveners Mr Bill Robinson, Mr Bernard Owens and Mr Gary Stoddart, after explaining the implications of his report linking nuclear workers with child cancer.

### Mob prevents arrest of IRA suspects

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Security forces were unable to hold three suspected IRA terrorists caught while apparently trying to shoot down an army helicopter in Northern Ireland. The soldiers were surrounded and stoned by an angry mob.

An Army Wessex helicopter gave chase after the pilot spotted the men carrying what appeared to be heavy machine-guns near the village of Cullyhanna in South Armagh on Tuesday. At least two members of the gang were believed to be still on the run last

The pilot followed the men along country lanes as they fled, hijacking a number of cars and discarding weapons

by the roadside in the process. Eventually the pilot put down the aircraft, allowing a 12-man army and police patrol he was carrying to arrest a number of men in the village of Silverbridge, about six miles from where they were originally spotted.

According to security sources, a hostile crowd gathered around the soldiers, and they were stoned, preventing them taking the arrested men from the scene. The suspects escaped. However, police said last night that a number of men have since been detained for questioning in connection with the incident,

Last night a big army and police search was still under way for members of the

gang, believed to have consisted of four men. Weapons recovered on the roadside included two 7.62mm high velocity machine-guns and three rifles. Security sources believe the gang must have been about to launch an attack either on an army helicopter or a permanent vehicle checkpoint (PVCP) on the border.

In December an IRA team killed two soldiers and seriously wounded a third, during an attack on a PVCP in Co

 Police uncovered a haul of arms and ammunition hidden in a grave in a cemetery in west Belfast yesterday. Six rifles, a shotgun, a handgun and arms and silencers were found in a cametery.

#### **Sentences** 'based on inaccurate records'

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs

Defendants are being sen-tenced on the basis of criminal records which are in a "terrifying state of inaccuracy", the Commons Home Affairs Committee investigating the Crown Prosecuting Service were told last night.

Mr Anthony Edwards, Secretary of the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association, said that this state of affairs was "very worrying". It put an enormous burden on defence lawyers, who often found themselves with more up-todate information than the court on their clients' criminal

Mr Stephen Ridley, a former senior Crown prosecutor and secretary of the Law Society's Criminal Law Committee, said it was extraordinary that if a vehicle was stopped on the road the police could find out who owned it within seconds . "And yet criminal records are not being kept up to date."

Most courts were obliged to sentence on the basis of inaccurate information, which cannot be in the interest of justice.

The chairman of the Home Affairs Committee, Mr John Wheeler, said the committee was "very concerned" about the evidence it had received on the state of the criminal records and would be addressing the issue in the course of its inquiry.

Another concern raised by the lawyers were the delays caused because of wrong records. Mr Edwards said much time was wasted obtaining the right records from the police computer at Swansea.

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#### **NEWS ROUNDUP**

### Poison cylinders found on beaches

Fifteen miles of Sussex coastline were closed vesterday as emergency squads in protective clothing and gas masks scoured the beaches for containers of potassium cyanide, a chemical whose vapours are fatal. Two white plastic cylinders each containing a litre of the chemical were found washed up near the Palace Pier at Brighton, and four others st Newhaven, Hove, Ovingdean and Cuckmere Haven.

Police, broadcasting warnings from a helicopter, cleared Brighton seafront, which was crowded with people enjoying bright sunshine and temperatures of 12 degrees C. Elsewhere fresh gales hit Britain again. In Stoke-on-Trent a freak tornado caused more than £100,000 worth of damage, demolishing chimneys, tearing tiles from roofs, and

toppling television aerials. In south Wales the wind blew a Portakabin on to parked cars, and tore the roof off a house in Beddau, Mid-Glamorgan, On the Severn Bridge a lorry was blown over.

### Hint on Ulster talks

The Anglo-Irish agreement cannot be suspended pending The Anglo-Irish agreement cannot be suspended pending talks on political progress in the province, as demanded by Unionists, Mr Gerard Collins, the Irish Foreign Minister, said yesterday after meeting Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. While Mr Brooke feels there may be enough common ground for preliminary talks between parties in Ulster both men agree the prospects amount to a "possibility rather than a probability".

### Three robbers jailed

Three members of a gang who robbed a sub-post office were jailed for a total of 30 years by Exeter Crown Court yesterday. The court was told that they forced staff and customers to lie on the floor at gunpoint before fleeing with the customers to hear measured. Better Worthington £11,000 which has not been recovered. Peter Worthington, aged 27, was jailed for 12 years, and Thomas Docherty, aged 30, and Anthony O'Donoghue, aged 22, both received nine years. All are from Torquay, Devon.

#### Raid by armed police Armed police yesterday raided a house in Surrey and

detained a man wanted in connection with armed robberies in Glasgow. Twenty-four officers, six of them armed, surrounded the house in Bourneside Road, Addlestone, after a tip-off from detectives in Scotland. Six other men there were being questioned as a detailed search of the premises was carried out. Officers from Strathelyde later flew to London to talk to the man.

#### Rival for Kasparov Gary Kasparov, the Soviet world chess champion, has found

a dangerous new rival in his 21-year-old compatriot, Boris Gelfand (Raymond Keene writes). The brilliant but still relatively unknown Gelfand shares the lead with Kasparov and another Soviet grandmaster. Boris Yusupov, with 2½ points out of three in the World Chess Federation tournament in Linares, Spain. Gelfand drew with Kasparov

### Conservationists fight Pennine road schemes

Proposals to improve the cross-Pennine route between Manchester and Sheffield would "severely damage one of the most important landscapes in Britain", the Council for the Protection of Rural England said yesterday (Our Transport The so-called Woodhead

Pass scheme is one of a series of new or proposed road projects affecting the Pennines which local residents and rural protection societies fear would have a devastating impact on the Peak District National

The Woodbead Pass proposal, contained in the new roads report Trunk Roads -England: Into the 1990s, published on Tuesday, calls for the improvement of the A616-A628 between Tintwistle, near

Manchester, and Stocksbridge, near Sheffield. Transport officials say the improvements would inch little more than "straighten out bends" to make the road safer, especially in winter Miss Penny Evans, the CPRE's transport campaigner, fears bowever that the difficult terrain makes the proposed improvements un-workable, which could lead to increased pressure for a new

"multi-lane all weather route". "But what we are really worried about is the principle of putting roads through nat-ional parks.

"The Government has proposed improvements to the Woodland Pass route without saying that it runs through a national park," she said.

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Sentence based of records

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Navy court martial

### Instructor is found guilty of ill-treating officer on exercise

A call for a fundamental incident, which occurred on run" in a diving suit. Mrs overhaul of military survival Navy instructor was guilty of supposedly been shot down ill-treating a young officer who behind enemy lines. collapsed from exhaustion during an exercise last year.

Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent South, said yesterday's decision by the court martial in Portsmouth should "spark a wind of change in the armed forces, increase vigilance against brutality and improve medical monitoring in training". His call was backed by the family of a teenage Army diver who died on a survival exercise four years ago.

At the end of the three-day hearing, the court martial dismissed Lieutenant Gordon Smith, aged 36, from his ship, the RN Survival Equipment School at Seafield Park, Hampshire. The ex-Marine instructor was said to have raised the head of Sub-Lieutenant Simon Rowland, aged 23, after he had collapsed and punched him on the back of the neck. Sub-Lieutenant Rowland was in a coma for 15 days and suffered brain

**Diplomat** 

not aware

'rich' aunt

was pauper

A former British High Comm-

issioner to Cyprus spoke yes-terday of his surprise on

learning that there was little

money left in the estate of his

once fabulously wealthy aunt. Mr William Wilberforce,

aged 60, of Markington Hall, near Ripon, North Yorkshire, who was High Commissioner from 1982 to 1988, said he was not told of his aunt's death

until two months after her

has heard that Lady Margaret

Illingworth, a leading socialite

between the wars and the

time she died, aged 86, in an

old people's home more than

she had been systematically

cheated of money, antiques,

art and jewellery worth more than £500,000 by Mr Wilber-

Before the court are the

baroness's second husband, Baron Michael de Stempel

and her children Marcus and

Sophia Wilberforce, who deny

conspiring to aid the theft.

Mr Wilberforce told the court he first learned of a

shortage of money in Lady

Illingworth's estate when he was sent a letter by the

solicitor who drew up the old

lady's second will explaining

that there might not be enough

money for him to receive a

"I was extremely surprised,

because the bulk of my aunt's

income derived from a life

interest in the Illingworth

estate under her husband's

Lord Richard Wilberforce,

a former senior Law Lord, was

dismayed to learn that his

He told the court: "I was

distressed." He described Lady Illingworth's happy mar-

riage and said: "I would have

expected her to be buried

together with her husband."

cousin had been cremated.

will," he said in evidence.

£25,000 legacy from her.

The prosecution claims that

two years ago.

de Stempel.

Birmingham Crown Court

behind enemy lines.

The ministry said the changes were designed to improve on-the-spot medical treatment for trainees and included enhanced first-aid training for instructors, better medical evacuation procedures, and the issuing of portable telephones to all supervisors. But a Navy source said: "The demanding nature of the exercises must remain because the whole idea is to train and test people for

the uncompromising con-ditions that would exist." However, Mr Ashley said more changes were necessary and called for the publication by the ministry of internal inquiries into 12 deaths and 663 injuries involving servicemen with heat stroke which, he said, had occurred in the past decade.

"The other major step is to establish automatic courts martial for officers responsible death or serious injury."

the fourth day of an exercise Nelly Anderson said: "We training will be made in the last July in the New Forest in keep reading about similar cases and we feel something off the land after having should be done." Mud runs were abandoned after Mr Anderson's death, which an inquest recorded as accidental

> Yesterday's sentence means that Lieutenant Smith must leave his present post until his re-appointment elsewhere. and there will be a black mark on his record which could affect future promotion.

> Lieutenant Smith had denied two offences under the Naval Displine Act of ill-treating the sub-lieutenant. He said he had exhorted the officer, and possibly raised a fist close to his face but denied striking him or lifting him to his feet by his hair.

Mr John Parmenter, who was out walking in the New Forest, had told the court martial that he had seen the young officer stagger and then collapse. He said Lieutenant Smith had given him a small punch on the back of the head.

Lieutenant Smith told the court he was not aware the for training which involve sub-lieutenant had failed three medicals because he was overweight. Had he known this, he said he would have been doubtful about him taking part in the course.

Court admission

### Sanderson's lover lied to protect her

girtfriend, Tessa Sanderson the Olympic and Common-wealth javelin champion.

Miss Sanderson, aged 33, who lives with Mr Evans at Brondesbury Park, north-west London, is sning Mirror Group Newspapers, publish-ers of the Sunday Mirror and The People, over articles last March which claimed she had stolen Mr Evans from his wife. Mirror Group and two journalists, Sandra White and

Steven Warr, deny libel. After a tense exchange in ingly authorized something the High Court it emerged that that was false." Mr Evans:



Tessa Sanderson: Claims reputation was damaged

instructor, had given his solicitors false instructions. He told them to tell his wife's solicitor that his relationship with Miss Sanderson was "purely a business one".

He agreed with Mr George Carman, QC, for Mirror Group Newspapers, that when his solicitors' letter was sent on February 17 last year he had already had sexual inter-course with Miss Sanderson. Mr Carman said: "That

statement (about a purely business relationship) was untrue, wasn't it?"Mr Evans: "Yes, it was."

Mr Evans said he asked his solicitors to write to his wife's lawyer after hearing that she was offering to sell her story to The case continues today. | national newspapers.

Mr Derrick Evans admitted Mr Carman asked Mr Evyesterday that he had lied to ans if he had been prepared to protect the reputation of his lie to his solicitors to protect Miss Sanderson's reputation. Mr Evans said: "In respect of

> Mr Carman; "How did you think by lying you would protect her reputation?" Mr Evans: "It was an untrue story about Tessa Sanderson."

Mr Carman: "It was painfully obvious from the letter you were trying to hide a sexual relationship with Tessa Sanderson." Mr Evans: "I was not trying to hide the fact." Mr Carman: "You know

Mr Carman asked Mr Ev-ans about the Tee and Dee Management, intials of the management company he rums. Mr Evans said he wanted to create the image that it was Tessa Sanderson

and Daley Thompson. Mr Carman: "So the image to the public was that this company was Tessa Sander-son and Daley Thompson. That was dishonest wasn't it?" questioned Mr Carman.Mr Evans: "Yes, it was."

Mr Carman: "You were misleading the public?"Mr Evans: "No, in terms of other

business people."

Mr Carman: "Wasn't that shameful?" Mr Evans: "Yes,

in retrospect " Mr Carman, opening the defendants' case, said that Miss Sanderson had damaged her own reputation.

He said: "No one wishes to take away the enormously distinguished achievements of Miss Sanderson ... But by her own admission she had departed from her high moral standards she set herself."

Mr Carman said they tried to keep it quiet because "if they engaged in sex while Mr Evans was still with his wife it was a little bit more sordid, a little bit more unacceptable and a little bit more damaging to Miss Sanderson's image". The hearing continues

### Break from Synod ordination fray

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

ing in protest at the ordination of women in the Church of England is likely to be of the order of 175 rather than the 2,000 sometimes estimated, the General Synod was told

Professor David McClean, chairman of the House of Laity, called the figure of 2,000, suggested by the Arch-deacon of Colchester, the Ven Ernest Stroud, "incredible to the point of irresponsibility".

Professor McClean, who is in charge of steering the Ordination of Women (Financial Provisions) Measure through the synod, said it was not difficult to work out how many clergymen would con-sider resigning and who would therefore be entitled to finan-

His guess, based on private conversations, evidence to the synod's revision committee and the mood of meetings called to protest at female ordination, was that not more than one in 20 would press their opposition that far.

If female ordination was not supported by two thirds of the House of Clergy it would not be passed, he said. So if female ordination was approved, less than a third of the clergy could be presumed to be against it, assuming the synod was truly representative of the opinions of the church's 10,600 stipendiary ministers.

Of the maximum of 3,533 who might be against ordaining women, some would merely object to the timing, son might be unsure but would accept the decision of the church and some would decide to stay in the ministry to fight on for their views. Only the remainder would seriously

He said his figure of 175 was not an estimate — "all I suggest is that it indicates much more accurately than any figure running into thousands, the order of magnitude of the number of those who will seriously consider

The measure he was propos-ing yesterday is designed to allow payments to be made to clergy resigning on the issue of principle, to enable them to do so, he said, with dignity and without financial hardship.

The claim that 2,000 clergymen might leave was made by Archdeacon Strond in a recent pamphlet.
Professor McClean told the

synod: "Of course those prin-ciples have a price. A man or woman resigning office will pay a price, not all measurable in financial terms. But, in those terms, under these proposals the rest of the church will bear a part of that price." He said the draft mean

reflected "much that his good in the liberal Christian tradition. Nebody could say that this proposal is an example of conformity to the ways of secular society. As we have recognized all along, it dis-plays a generosity which will astonish secular employers —



secular world."

approve the ordination of women in principle, which passed its similar revision stage last year, emerged from the synod's debate yesterday without significant amend-ment. It would provide henefits in cash and kind, either im-mediate or deferred, to those resigning, according to a slid-bit scale. ing scale.

Typically a mid-career clergyman might receive bene-fits eventually totalling about £50,000 in regular payments and loosing help. In the first year after resigning he would receive an amount equal to his year two thirds of it; and in the third year, a third.

A clergyman could opt to leave, and claim those benefits, up to six months before the ordination of women, and up to 10 years afterwards. An amendment extending the lat-ter deadline indefinitely was Derby, the Right Rev Peter Dawes, said the financial pro-vision measure was based on the principle of preventing hardship.

Both the Ordination of Women (Financial Provisions) Measure and the Priest (Ordination of Women) Measure will go to the diocesan synods for their decision. Each diocesan synod will have to report back by the summer of 1991, saying whether the two measures have been acceptable to a majority in each of

and laity. To be carried in the dioceses it has to be approved by a simple majority in both

The two measures will only return to the General Synod for final approval if, by that procedure, they have been agreed by a majority of the 43 diocesan synods.

They will then need two-thirds majorities in each of the three General Synod houses,

 The Archbishops of Canterbury and York announced yesterday that they had rejected two requests for emergency debates in the synod, arising from the leaking of a confidential report on homosexuality, which had been conversioned by the Moses of terday that they had reied by the House of

Mr Bareaby Miln of Hereford dioceses had asked for an emergency debate on a resolution calling for the re-port to be published officially. The Rev David Holloway of Newcastle dioceses had wanted a debate to ask the House of Bishops to discuss its ndling of the issue.

Mr Holloway, a member of mittre, said: "The House of Bishops is required to speak as one. Inevitably it will be minimal doctrine and permissive ethics that is proclaimed." He said the situation at the centre of the Church of Eng-land was "grave", causing distress to church members.

Legal point won in

'exam cheat' appeal

Mr Francis Foecke, the former to be withheld for five years.

Bristol University student ac- Mr Foecke is appealing

cused of cheating in examina- against that decision and

important legal point in his attempts to clear his name. Mr Jones said the 1986 tribunal had not considered

The panel hearing his appeal ruled that admissible 48 questions the veracity of evidence should be restricted which had never been doubt-

to three questions on which he ed. Some of these questions he

tions, yesterday won an maintains his innocence.

#### PORTFOLIO

#### Prize for 3 winners

There were three winners of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio

Platinum competition. Mr Donald Munro from Whiteparish, near Salisbury in Wiltshire, said that the money would go towards renovation of the "Old School House", which he and his wife moved into three years ago. "Since then, we have been getting the place in order when funds become available," Mr Monro, a retired bank manager, said. Mrs Marjorie Caswell of Daglingworth, Gloncester-shire, said her winnings would pay for a Rome holiday next month. "But we also have a soo, daughter and two grandchildren, who will come in for some presents," she added. They share the prize with Miss Theresa Lynch of Wembley, north Loudon.

### Crystal kit tests after girl aged 11 dies

By Paul Wilkinson

discover what killed a girl. aged 11, who died after apparently drinking a toy chemical

experiment by accident. Experts said last night it would be very difficult for anyone to take a fatal dose from a crystal garden kit by

Johanna Fanizzi from Worcester, died in hospital in the early hours of Tuesday, after swallowing the contents of a glass at her bedside. She had been admitted two hours earlier after complaining of violent stomach pains.

It is thought that in her sleepy condition she mistook the experiment for a glass of water or squash.

At the opening of an inquest esterday Dr Geoffrey Smith, the pathologist, said he could not give a cause of death until samples had been examined by toxicologists at the West Midlands Forensic Science Laboratory in Birmingham. West Mercia police said:

"This has obviously been caused by a mix-up between Johanna's normal drink and a solution which she had manufactured."

A leading firm of analysts, Lyne, Martin and Radford, which does work for the British Standards Institution, said the basic ingredient which forms the crystals is can irritate the skin and cause gastric upset.

"The quantity of chemicals varies significantly, and a fatal quantity could be used," a spokesman said, "but it seems so unlikely that anyone would swallow enough to kill them-

Kidneys-for-sale case

### Doctor 'unaware' of advert

payments to kidney donors and giving the name and telephone number of a Harley Street specialist was placed by an Omani without the doctor's knowledge, a General Medical Council committee was told yesterday.

Dr David Beresford, assistant secretary of the Medical Defence Union, described a meeting with the Omani, referred to as Mr A M. He said the man was of Arab appearance and aged about 28.

He said Mr A M wanted to make a statement about his sister's renal disease and the advertisement in Al-Ahram, culated in London.

The GMC professional con-

An advertisement offering charges of serious professional said: "He wanted to talk to us misconduct against Dr Raymond Crockett, a kidney specialist; Mr Michael Bewick, a transplant surgeon; and Mr Michael Joyce, a urologist. All three deny the charges which relate to alleged payments to kidney donors.

> Dr Beresford said Mr A M told him his sister had been seriously ill and had consulted Dr Crockett for many years. She had been given one renal transplant which had failed, had returned to London at about the time the advertisement was placed, and had died after a further attempted transplant in India.

At a meeting in Dublin in October last year, Mr A M said he wanted to discuss the duct committee is hearing advertisement. Dr Beresford today.

because he felt that he had got Dr Crockett into trouble and he wanted to put things right." Mr A M said Dr Crockett had not known anything about placing the advertisement.

Mr Roger Henderson, QC for the GMC, asked Dr Beresford if there was any reason, apart from his fear of getting into trouble, why Mr A M should be unwilling to give evidence."I remember him saying he found it difficult to talk about these things," Dr Beresford said. Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC for Dr Crockett, said it would be wrong to give evidence because he was lying.

The hearing continues

had been convicted of cheat- said "pointed away from guilt ing, rather than nine as suggested by the Board of Examiners. A hearing in 1986 had effectively cleared Mr Foecke of cheating in six more

> Mr Alun Jones, QC, counsel for Mr Foecke, had pointed out during two days of legal argument that Professor Michael Furmston, the tri-bunal's chairman, had two years ago ruled that Mr Foecke had been "convicted on three questions and acquit-

ted on the other six". He told Professor Furmston

Mr Foecke sat an unpreceanswered 57 questions in his finals during the summer of results in all, as with a thesis.

Because he was found to not seen them." have cheated the university awarded an ordinary degree, sity's appeal machinery.

questions as his answers were hetter than the outlined solutions drafted - a fact conceded by the examiners. In one paper an examiner has said he was convinced that

There were cases where Mr

Foecke gained full marks for

tribunal had not considered

rather than to it".

Mr Foecke did not and could not have had access to the mock solutions. That state-ment, Mr Jones said, was never put before the tribunal three and a half years ago.

There was also evidence in connection with a paper on algebraic theory, that the out-The Board of Examiners is line solutions had not been trying to persuade you to reverse a ruling given on two previous occasions." kept in a filing cabinet with other papers which it is suggested Mr Foecke saw.

Professor Geoffrey Grimdented 13 papers in computer mett, professor of statistics at science with mathematics and Bristol University, yesterday Bristol University, yesterday began giving his evidence. He said: "I have always looked for 1986. He obtained exceptional a reasonable explanations, but so far in my judgement I have

The hearing continues torefused to award him an day. If Mr Foecke loses he will honours degree. Instead they have exhausted the univer-

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Police attempt to trace man seen near bombed van

By Craig Seton and Stewart Tendler

Police hunting the IRA unit cular build and walks with a which tried to blow up an slight limp.

Army van in Leicester city Yesterday centre issued an artist's impression last night of a man seen close to the car park where the van was kept.

The impression was re-leased as the IRA claimed responsibility for the attack. The man, aged between 45 and 50, was seen by a woman on both Monday and Tuesday morning at about 8.50 am opposite the car park where parked before the explosion on

Truesday. The picture resembles Patrick Sheeky who has been wanted by Scotland Yard since December 1988 when he and John Conaty allegedly abanto be more attacks." doned a bomb factory in a Mr Tony Butler, the assisdiscovered 150lbs of Semtex Leicestershire, said the terror-

high explosive there.

Yesterday police said the innocent but needed to be traced. He was described as being between 5ft 10in and 6ft. and of slim and athletic build, clean shaven with light brown bair which was neat and tidy.

As Scotland Yard's antiterrorist branch worked with Leicester police yesterday Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, added his voice to the Army Sherpa van was police calls for greater public vigilance. Mr Waddington said: "This

appears to be another diabolical enterprise by the IRA which this time went slightly wrong. Everybody must be on another man identified as their goard for there are likely

Mr Batler confirmed that device intended for Lt-Gen Str south London flat. Police tant chief constable of David Ramsbotham, Com-November, That device, conist who planted the bomb had Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described as 25 no inought for other people. Sheeby is described in them to all drivers in service explosion that resulted in them to all drivers in service hair, prominent teeth, a mass-



An artist's impression of the man police want to trace (left) and a photograph of Patrick Sheehy issued last May. went off in a side street. If it sington, west London, but fell off and failed to detonate. had exploded in a main thoroughfare the results could The bomb is a standard IRA

have been devastating." the bomb was similar to a lunch-box and attached to its score of victims.

booby trap device made from Sentex explosive, placed into target with a powerful magnet. In Northern Ireland the device has killed or maimed up to a

bomb exploded in Leicester The threat to British this afternoon. An Army bomb

the car park behind a joint which raises questions of why careers office, where it had been parked. The driver, ling such a device was travelling through the centre of a 32, of the Women's Royal major city in Britain." Army Corps, her passenger an NCO in the Coldstream Guards, and a civilian were injured, though not seriously. Mr Butler strongly criticized Mr Keith Vaz, the

Labour MP for Leicester East, for claiming in the Commons hours after the blast that the device was being carried in an Army vehicle. Mr Vaz was accused by senior police officers of confusing potential witnesses and possibly impeding the investigation.

was strapped to the back of a from the bombs is now taken Sherpa vehicle driven by an so seriously that the Ministry

Mr Butler met Mr Vaz in Leicester yesterday and after-wards said that the MP recegnized he was in error. After the meeting, Mr Vaz said that two theories had initially been put forward; one that it was an "Army device on

it was a terrorist attack. He said he had called Leicestershire police on Tuesday and spoken to several officers. "These allegations were given to me and it was Mr Vaz had told MPs: "I right that they should be have been informed that a raised."

the vehicle" and the other that

servicemen in West Germany Army officer. of Defence is buying 50,000
"Apparently it fell off the devices for checking the back of the lorry and caused an underside of cars and issuing

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### **Bottomley turns to** YTS in search for nurses of the future.

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

number of Youth Training Scheme places in the health service was launched yesterday to ease the nurse recruitment crisis.

The move coincided with preliminary results from six pilot studies showing that YTS trainees had worked successfully in clinical areas, taking on various nursing

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Minister for Health, said that with impending skill shortages the health service had to corner its share of the young labour force and compete effectively with other big

Only 50 health authorities are directly participating in youth training schemes, which involve only 2,000 trainees. Although the health service is Britain's biggest employer, it takes on less than I per cent of

the youth training workforce.
However, speakers at a
conference held by the Department of Health in London yesterday suggested that 20,000 trainees could be taken on in the health service within the next two years if all 190

districts took part. The step also foreshadows the introduction of unqualified health care assistants this summer. They will replace the existing nursing auxiliaries and helpers for professions allied to medicine. An esti-

A new drive to increase the mated 100,000 auxiliaries and to distressing cases on wards helpers will be eligible to 100 soon. become the new assistants.

School leavers coming in on the YT schemes starting in May, would be able to work supervised. But results from towards qualifications for health care assistants and, in the long term, towards pro-fessional qualifications.

Mr John Atkins from Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, said health authorities could offset the costs of health care assis-tant training by using YT

Mrs Bottomley admitted there had been "some doubt" as to whether trainees should work in front-line clinical areas, Professional organizations such as the Royal youngsters could be put off



Health campaigners yesterday urged the Chancellor of the Exchequer to put 20p on the a

packet of cigarettes and to remove tobacco from the Re-tail Price Index as his contribution to No Smoking Day. The nation's collective effort to give up will take place on March 14, less than a week before the Budget.

Mr David Simpson, of Action on Smoking and Health, said: "There is evidence that tobacco consumption in Britain, which between 1980 and 1986 declined more rapidly than anywhere else in the world, is now on the increase.

Mrs Bottomley said yes-

terday any scheme would have

the pilot schemes - in

Ayrshire and Arran, Barnsley, Gwynedd, Rochdale, North Staffordshire and Wands-

worth - were encouraging, she

and dressing patients, feeding and getting patients up, mak-ing beds and preparing menus.

They have been working in a

number of clinical areas,

including acute and long-stay general and mental health wards, children's wards and

physiotherapy, occupational

Department officials said the new health care assistants

would be expected to take on

much wider nursing duties

such as taking blood pressure

catheters and drips, under

supervision. Discussions are

continuing over whether they

mitted staff will be harder

than ever to come by over the next few years," Mrs Bottom-

ley said. "The Youth Training Scheme and the com-

plementary initiative of health

care assistants provide

opportunities for the NHS to

"Well-motivated and com-

should administer drugs.

and x-ray departments.

Trainces have been washing

"A 15p price rise would put the cost of smoking back to the peak levels it then reached. But it will have to go much higher if smoking, which kills cholera did in the last century, is not to re-emerge as an

At a press conference to publicize the day, Mr Simpson said the Government would not be reluctant to save the hearts and lungs of smokers through their pockets on the ground that higher taxation of tobacco would mean a cut in consumption. In 1987-88 tobacco yielded the Treasury about 26 billion.

"Tobacco now accounts for only 4 per cent of total government revenue, as op-posed to 16 per cent in 1948," he said. "Besides, we've never yet been blessed with a Chancellor who couldn't find another source of money when one dries up.

Baroness Hooper, Under-Secretary of State in the Department of Health, said she hoped that the seventh

Getting to grips with the problem: Anne Robinson at the No Smoking Day press launch. when an estimated because it is a stimulus to year's, when an estimated 50,000 adult smokers, 18 per make the big decision, giving them a specific day on which to

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Heading towards cigarette-free target

cent of these who tried, gave up for good, compared with 800 on any normal day. Although there are still 12 million smokers, representing 31 per cent of women and 35 per cent of men, it is thought that at least two-thirds want to

Lady Hooper said: "No Smoking Day is valuable

This year's campaign in-cludes television advertisements arging smokers to "Quit and Win". They feature the actors Frank Windsor and Geraldine James, Anne inson the BBC presenter, three members of the and three me

Miss Robinson, who started

20 years ago and now gets ough two packets a day, "I'm tired of being frowned on and lectured and

"I'm also looking forward to having more free time. Smokers waste so much time sitting

#### University research cash boost 'essential'

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

University researchers are having to work with about £100 million worth of obsolete equipment and extra government spending on science is essential, according to a report by the Advisory Board for the Research Councils (ABRC) published yesterday. It says 14 per cent of

research equipment in British universities and polytechnics is inadequate, mainly through obsolescence. Although threequarters of the equipment is in good working condition, more than a third is ten or more years old and 17 per cent of it is either in poor condition or

The findings, the result of a comprehensive survey, show "serious deficiences". "One item in seven is no longer adequate for its purpose and university scientists could spend an extra £260 million on equipment," the report says. Sir David Phillips, chairis no doubt that some further

man of the ABRC said: There increase in government spen-ding on science is essential. Only then will the research councils be able to invest in equipment at the rate needed to sustain scientific excellence in the UK."

The survey covered the non-clinical science and engineering departments of 59 iniversities and university colleges, and five poly-technics, and estimated the ment at £700 million.

#### College dispute

### Lecturers urged to ballot on pay offer

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Local authority employers gencies and employers want to yesterday appealed for an end remove the "emergencies to the 19-month-old lecturers" only rule. pay dispute which has affected hree million students in coleges of technology and further

Mr Neil Fletcher, leader of the employers' side on the National Joint Council for Wales, called on the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education to ballot members on a 8.5 per cent pay offer. He said the association had not held a in local authority colleges since the employers' opening offer of 5.3 per cent in 1988.

on members are refu ing to set or mark examination in education by taking college papers or to undertake any courses and employers will be continuous assessment in pro-test at a pay offer made last of existing courses and to use November. Since then the employers have improved the offer for the 17 months from April last year to this September from 8 per cent, plus a £700 one-off payment, to an across-the-board rise of 8.5 per cent on all grades.

Mr Fletcher said he believed

of existing courses and to use colleges for training.

Mr John MacGregor, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, announcing the formation of a national further education marketing unit, said: "It is vital that Britain's workforce starts repeating now for the claims and to use colleges for training.

Mr John MacGregor, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, announcing the formation of a national further education marketing unit, said: "It is vital that Britain's workforce starts repeating now for the claims."

most lecturers would now accept the new offer which would increase the salary of a

would increase the salary of a lecturer at the top of the main scale to £16,674 and put senior lecturers on £20,127 a year.

The union has objected to the employers' attempts to link the pay offer to changes in work practices which would ary schools have acted on the college ariseis and industry would be expected to sponsor most of the unit's activities. The unit will be based in Bristol and will start work in April. work practices which would give college principals the right to require lecturers to teach for up to 231/2 hours

The lecturers' association has offered to take the dispute over hours to arbitration and believes a pay deal could be concluded if the hours' issue was out of the way. Mr Fletcher says the union knows the employers' proposals are

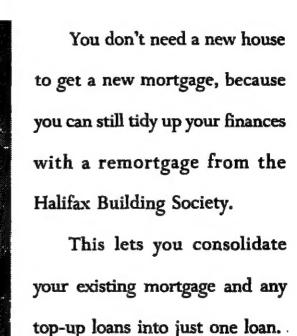
Mr Fletcher's appeal coincided with the announce-ment of a £100,000 government intiative to help further education colleges proballot of its 140,000 members mote themselves to employers and potential students. Television and radio commercials will be used to encourage

Mr Fletcher said he believed preparing now for the skills we

will need in the 21st century. The £100,000 was intended to be "pump priming" and industry would be expected to

right to require lecturers to teach for up to 23½ hours a industry through work placement schemes, Mr Alan Howarth, Under Secretary of the propriet to teach for the secretary of the propriet to teach for the secretary of the propriet to teach for the secretary of the secretary At present lecturers can Howarth, Under Secretary of only be required to teach for State for Education, said yesterday.





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### Tour operator fined

A tour operator has been fined £1,500 by magistrates in Nottingham and ordered to pay £300 compensation to a family who arrived at their hotel in Benidorm, Spain,to find the swimming pool still being built. ILG Travel Ltd, a holding company which owns Intasum, were also ordered to pay £270 costs after admitting a breach of the Trade Descriptions Act.

Mrs Jacqueline Orrill of Arnold, Nottingham, booked a week's family holiday on the basis of an Intasun brochure which described the hotel as having a pool with terrace. which described the hotel as having a pool with terrace.

#### Sea rescue

A helicopter from the RAF base at Bawdry, South Wales, rescued 20 crew from a cargo ship in the Atlantic yesterday. The Toledo began taking in water 150 miles from the Irish row, Cumbria.

#### Murder hunt

Two Scotland Yard detectives will leave for Kenya today to investigate the murder of Julie Ward, aged 28, whose charred remains were found in the Masai Mara Game Park in September 1988.

#### Mine debts

The Geevor tin mine at Land's End, Cornwall, which closed last week because of a slump in the price of tin, owes Penwith Council more than £41,000 in rates.

#### Charge delay

A man will appear before Barrow magistrates charged with the murder of Bertha Hemming, aged 95, who died after a fire at her house in Bedford Street, Barrow, Cum-bria, in 1984. David Jack Graham, aged 22, has no fixed

#### Child killed

#### Man charged

A man was charged with the murder of his 10-week-old son by Liverpool magistrates.
James Badley, aged 46, of
Laurel Grove, Toxteth, who
denies the charge, was remanded in custody for a week.

#### Dog attack

A boy aged six who was savaged by a neighbour's Alsatian was recovering in hospital after a three-hour operation. Stephen Rye, of Bedworth, Warwickshire, received severe cuts on his head and left car.

#### Truck death

A man was crushed to death when the fork-lift truck he was driving fell on him. David Watkinson, aged 23, was working at the CMB Packaging factory, in Burton Road,





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By Richard Evans and Philip Webster

Recent attacks on the BBC by Tory groups and newspapers could be another attempt to intimidate programme makers in the run-up to a general election. Labour party chiefs warned yesterday.

A letter reflecting the views of Mr Neil Kinnock was sent to Mr John Birt, deputy director general, insisting that "the whole process of bullying the BBC has got to be stopped in its tracks".

Mr Birt said last night that the BBC would resist firmly any undue pressure from wherever it came, but that did not mean the corporation would close its ears to

The intervention of the Labour Party follows the recent publication of a report by the Media Monitoring Unit, a right-of-centre group, and an article by Lord Wyatt in The Times, both of which accused Radio 4's Today programme of anti-Government bias.

Mr Peter Mandelson, Labour's director of campaigns and communications, wrote to Mr Birt expressing growing concern about the BBC's response to the attacks being mounted on its journalism by the Government and Tory-supporting bodies and

It was imperative that the up programme makers prior They will not be BBC stood up for its editorial to polling day. "My worry is nor will the BBC."

independence and rebuffed that a similar exercise is being the attempts being made to mounted again. Since then, undermine its journalistic the BBC has faced the addiself-confidence, he said.

"In recent weeks, the BBC has decided to take seriously the attacks mounted by a group of right wingers with a video recorder who call themselves the Media Monitoring Unit as well as by the peer, Lord Wyatt, writing in Rupert Murdoch's papers.

"I think many would question whether it is right for the BBC to be so worried by these attacks given that both the Conservative party and Mr Murdoch have a long track record of hostility to the BBC and arguably they should not be given any credence by your

"It might be more appropriate simply to dismiss these attacks for what they are attempts by bullies to subborn the BBC.

"I am particularly concerned because I fear history is repeating itself."

Mr Mandelson said he had learnt from Tory sources that the sustained and systematic attack on BBC journalism before the last general elec-tion, headed by Mr Norman Tebbit, had been carried out with the objective of intimidating the BBC and softening

tional problem of its funding and very existence questioned by the Government and this threat to its future inevitably contributes to the insecurity and vulnerability of the BBC."

Mr Mandelson urged Mr Birt to spell out how the BBC intended to tackle bullying. "I hope you can convincingly describe how you are doing this so that we and the public can be reassured, before we consider what further action would be appropriate." Mr Birt said last night: "The BBC will resist firmly

any undue pressure from wherever it comes - and pressure comes from many directions. We will examine criticism carefully; we will learn from it if it is wellaimed; and we will reject it if it is not.

"As you are on occasion a complainant yourself, I trust you would not want it any other way."

The deputy director general said the BBC wanted its journalists not only to be straight, accurate, fair and impartial, but also vigorous, lively and tough-minded.

"They know the BBC will support them when they are.

### World Service computer boost

By Our Media Editor

One of the world's biggest text-handling computers has been installed at the BBC's monitoring headquarters at Caversham to keep pace with the information flowing from Eastern Europe.

The system, which can process up to 5,000 news items a day, will enable the World Service to satisfy subscribers' growing demand for information gathered from television, radio and news agency reports worldwide.
"We are already seeing a growth of business

from City investment houses and stockbrokers with developing interests in Eastern Europe," Mr Barry Whitehall, general manager of BBC monitoring, said yesterday. The computer system - part of a £10

million investment scheme opened yesterday by the Duke of Kent - has been backed up by the recruitment of an additional 14 monitor-

Mr John Tusa, managing director of the World Service, said yesterday: "Such is the speed of developments in the former socialist bloc, that we shall need still more monitors to

News material is delivered to customers in

three ways: a "flash" news service is maintained round-the-clock; a 90,000-word summary of world broadcasts is published daily: and weekly economic reports on industrial, scientific and agricultural developments are distributed with a summary of world broadcasting news.

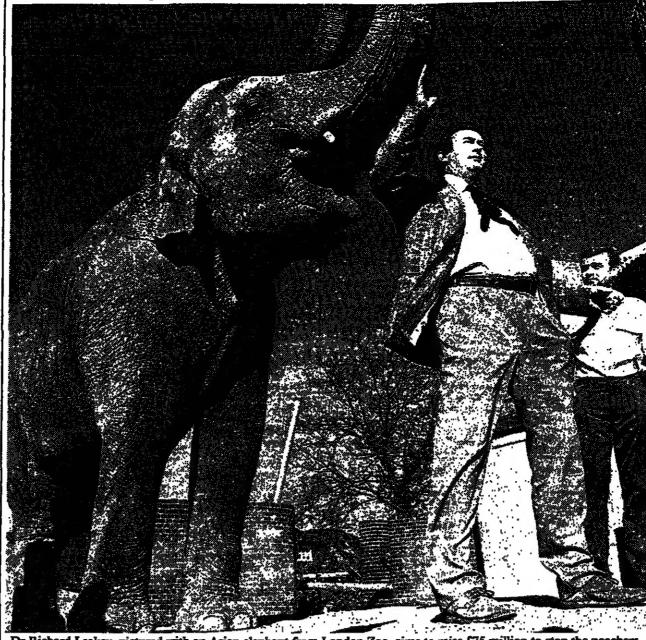
 The Government is being urged to protect community radio stations from being swallowed-up" by big networks.

"Community groups who win licences need legal protection from takeover by larger (profit-making) radio stations or other commercial companies," Mr Steve Byrom, chairman of the Community Radio Association, said yesterday.

"Otherwise the UK is likely to repeat the. French experience where in a matter of two years the small stations were all swallowed up by the seven large networks."

An amendment to the Broadcasting Bill drafted by the association defines a community radio body as one which pays a limited return on capital and whose assets can be transferred only to another non-profit





Dr Richard Leakey, pictured with an Asian elephant from London Zoo, aims to raise £75 million to stop the poachers. By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

Dr Richard Leakey, the out-spokes director of the Kenyan Wildlife Service, who yes-terday fiercely criticised the Government over its decision to allow the Hong Kong ivery stockpile to be traded, will in May be presenting the £5,000 Environment Award, jointly sponsored by The Times and BBC Radio 4's PM pro-

"The award is for the contribution of ordinary people, and it's ordinary people making a little bit of effort that's going to make the planet a better place," he said

that The Times and the BBC are doing this. Conservation is increasingly an issue for the people. I think that state leadership around the world has shown that it is not ivory trade. The move was particularly adept at judging typical of Dr Leakey, the

the importance of environ-"In the case of the African elephant it's the people who are going to make all the

With one flamboyant ges ture, Dr Leakey captured the attention of the world last year as he set about the task of saving Kenya's berds of ele-

He persuaded Mr Daniel Arap Moi, the President of Kenya, to set fire personally to the country's stockpile of confiscated ivory, worth millions

What it lost Kenya in foreign exchange, the July ivory pyre made up for in ig world opinion behind the campaign to ban the

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former director of the Nationa Museum of Kenya, who was ppointed by the Kenyan government last April to take charge of the country's Wildlife Service, which is be-leaguered by poachers armed ing over the border from

He has taken the war to the poachers, warning from the start that his own men would shoot to kill. In London yesterday to appeal for funds, Dr Leakey defended his policy:

with his estranged wife.

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His application was refused

when a local officer indicated

"the budget is not adequate to

sustain any payment for these

The decision was upheld by an

The judge said the officers

had wrongly regarded the budget as providing a "strait-

jacket" for payments and Mr

Roberts was entitled to a

to buy furniture for his council

flat after a short stay in a

items in these circumstances".

"The poachers are not hungry peasants from our own country desperate to make a living," he said. "They are mercenaries who come in with AK47s and other automatic weapons. There is no reason why Kenya should allow them to plunder and destabilize, and we will not. If our patrols bemp into them, they shoot."

Dr Leakey will be present-ing The Times/PM Environent Award in a ceremony at Broadcasting House on Tuesday May 8. Entries are now flooding in.

Nominations, which should be limited to 250 words and typewritten if possible, should be sent to: The Times/PM Environment Award, PO Box London E1 9XN. People may graphs, which are son-return-able, will help, and a daytime telephone number for the

#### Workmen race to save\* village at mercy of the sea

By Paul Wilkinson

No one will be listening to storm warnings more acutely for the next three weeks than the people of the Devon coastal hamlet of Beesands. Until emergency repairs are completed to its sea defences the village is under threat of extinction when the next on-

shore gales blow. A neighbouring village of Hallsands was swept into the sea in similar circumstances in the great storm of 1917.

Already this winter's storms have scoured away Beesands' shingle beach to a depth of 15ft, sending the village's breakwater of huge boulders tumbling.

Workmen from the National Rivers Authority are restoring the sea wall but they do not expect to finish until well into next month.

Every day lorries bring rocks weighing up to eight tons to the village near Dartmouth but the men can work only at low tide, giving them a maximum of four hours a day. The defences were originally installed in 1979 after previous storm damage.
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lagers, Mr Frank Crocker, aged 72, whose cottage is feet from the shoreline, said: "In the last lot of storms the sea was breaking over the road and against the houses. "We had to board up the

houses and sandbag the doors. "If it had been allowed to go on I think we would evenmally have been washed away like Hallsands was. I have lived here all my life and we have never had such a prolonged series of storms as this

"If it were not for the sea defences the whole village would have gone years ago. It # is a bit worrying living with the sea on our doorstep, but we are feeling safer now the boulders are being built up

Beesands is still used as a base for fishing in the summer, and used to have its own fishing fleet.

The villagers blame the 1917 Hallsands disaster and their own storm problems on dredging of shingle from the beach to build docks in Plymouth during the First World

The National Rivers Authority said that the emergency work involved the dumping of 6,000 tons of rock and was costing £100,000.

Urgent needs of the poor not met because of red tape, High Court ruling says

### Judges declare Social Fund grant guidelines illegal Government guidance lim- Lord Justice Woolf said these tions were equivalent to iting Social Fund payments to were not proper guidelines delegated legislation. was unlawful "in so far as it not cope alone. He was refused for his five-bedroom council iting social Fund payments to indicate that there by a Social Fund officer on the house after a reconciliation

the poor was ruled unlawful by the High Court yesterday.

social security payments; and Inguage of guidance and the language of direction."

Under the 1986 Act wh ceded the Government would have to see whether changes were necessary. Labour's social security spokesman Mr Michael Meacher called for an end to cash limits on aid.

Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Pill allowed appeals by two applicants refused grants, but dismissed a third. Lord Justice Woolf said:

"Each of the applications reveal distressing personal circumstances, involving applicants who undoubtedly have urgent needs which have not been met because of the manner in which the Social Fund has been administered."

The Government guidelines included statements that "total cost of payments made by any local office in a financial year must not exceed its budget allocation for that financial year", and that before making an award an officer had to ensure that it could be met from the budget.

because they were mandatory in tone. "If the Secretary of The decision is a blow to the State is seeking to give guidtight budgetary control on ance, then he must use the language of guidance and not

Under the 1986 Act which set up the Social Fund, there was a significant distinction "directions" and "guidance". Guidance given be followed, whereas directrictions on local offices attend, since his wife could grant to buy household items

A group of hospital consultants yes-

terday failed to gain a legal ruling in the

High Court that Mr Kenneth Clarke,

Secretary of State for Health, had acted

unlawfully in spending money on Natyional Health Service reforms in

Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Pill

dismissed an application by Professor

Harry Keen of Guy's hospital for a

declaration that Mr Clarke had acted

beyond his powers in allocating money

to help hospitals prepare for self-

governing status before the health service Bill had achieved Royal Assent.

Mr Clarke described the decision as a

advance of legislation.

for the proper "control and management" of the Social Fund, but not as to the had to be assessed locally.

The Secretary of State had exceeding the local office as were reasonably necessary allocation".

circumstances in which the father of six, of Wallsend, individual "need" of an applicant could be met. These refused a grant towards the "guidance". Guidance given The judges said the rigid while he attended an employ-by the Secretary of State for "guidance" over the way offi-ment training scheme. With-Social Services did not have to cers should approach budget out assistance he could not field, had applied for a £610

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

"complete vindication of the Govern-

ment's approach to the implementation

Giving judgment, Lord Justice Woolf

said it was clear that Mr Clarke wanted

to be in a position to announce the approval of the "first wave" of self-

governing NHS hospital trusts soon after

the Bill was enacted. The "substantial"

financial resources required for the

preparations had been provided in a

Professor Keen, who was "extremely

concerned" at the expenditure of finan-

cial and other resources, claimed it was

unlawful for Mr Clarke to spend public

of the NHS reforms."

series of funding packages.

The judges then dealt with each of the three cases. Mr Samuel Stitt, an unemployed

purports to indicate that there is no power to make payments by a Social Fund officer on the grounds that "the law says we cannot pay for the kind of items you say that you need".

The judges said the Sec-retary of State did have power to issue directions to exclude certain classes of need from the scheme and for that reason Mr Stitt's application failed.

In the second case, Mr Derek Roberts, an unemployed father-of-seven from Shef-

money to prepare applications for a new status which had not yet become law.

The Government has spent more than

Lord Justice Woolf said the minister

legislation to approve an application for

the new status and health authorities

could not submit formal applications but

there was nothing to prevent them

deploying existing resources for forward

Mr Justice Pill agreed in dismissing

has been allocated for 1990-91.

the application with costs.

declaration that the guidelines had been unlawful. Legal challenge to Clarke spending fails In the third case, a man aged 19 from Sheffield who had left his parents' home after being subjected to violence was refused a grant in August 1988

> £60 million this year on implementing He was said not to fulfil the Secretary of State's criteria for the reforms and a further £257 million someone needing "resettlement in the community" as he did not have the power under present had been in the hostel for less than three months, but the judges said one of the aims of the Social Fund was to help people to re-establish themselves in the community after a stay in institutional or

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### **Consultancy costs increase 1,000%**

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

sector management consul-tants is likely to be more closely monitored after a report disclosing that spending on consultants in two departments has leapt in recent years by 1.000 per cent.

The report, an internal evaluation of the use of consultants carried out by the Departments of Health and Social Security with the assistance of the Prime Minister's personal Efficiency Adviser, shows that in 1988-89 a total of £47 million was spent.

The report is being closely studied by the Treasury and by the National Audit Office, which has been worried about consultancy costs in the past. The report says consultants

were sometimes paid up to five times the rate for civil servants doing similar work. They received £115,000 a year for work that a senior executive officer could have done on a salary of £24,000. In 1988-89 £42 million was

efforts to computerize payments of income support and other social benefits. Despite lobbying within brought in,

Whitehall's use of private Whitehall by the Efficiency Unit, which believes depart ments respond more energe cally in the face of public criticism, the results have not

yet been made public. The Department of Health said yesterday it accounted for £3.5 million of the £47 million total for 1988-89, with the rest spent by the DSS.

The report found that the work of consultants had not always been fully utilized because of "time and manpower pressure within departments".

Ten years ago, the combined Department of Health and Social Security was spending about £411,000 a year on

Inquiries by The Times yesterday showed that not all departments know how much they spend each year on consultants. The Ministry of Defence, for example, said its annual outlays had not been worked out.

The scrutineers say that in spent by the Department of future top officials must think Social Security as part of its much harder about finding civil servants within White-hall to perform the tasks for which consultants have been

### 'White knight' buys back carvings

has recovered a group of rare 15th-century Flemish wooden carvings stolen from the building and smuggled to The Netherlands in 1977.

The Rev George Pattison has conducted a tireless camign for their return and after a chequered history a Dutch "white knight" has intervened to buy them back for more than their £100,000 value. The carvings are expected to return "It is absolutely marvellous

news and we are all delighted," Mr Pattison said. His parishioners have raised thou-sands of pounds to fight the case in court. Despite help maker living in Amsterdam. Endsleigh Insurance, the parish still owes legal costs of £3,000 to £4,000.

The rector of a tiny village cherch at Stowiangtoft, near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, go. We can never thank him

The carvings were made by riemish craftsmen in about 1480. They were given to the church a century ago by the Maitland-Wilsons, the local langtoft Hall The carvings were on dis-

play behind the altar and depicted the Passion of Christ. smuggled out of the country within hours of the theft. Police never caught the gang, believed to have been pro-fessionals based in Ireland.

from the local diocese and The man who handed them over has not been seen since. Mr Rosinga had them entil 1981 when they were stolen by pictures, saw carvings she Mr Pattison, who looks his butler. The police were



Mr Pattison: His church ran up £10,000 in legal costs. Mooren, a Dutch television

The dealer said he would get them back but nothing ever happened and there was no prosecution. The following year a Dutch museum official, looking through some polic recognized as those stolen after several village churches, notified and his son saw the said: "If this gentleman hadn't carvings in an antiques shop. ome along when he did, and They had been sold to Mr Ted them back. The Soffolk

and at one stage faced a bill for up to £10,000 in costs.

Mr Pattison said: "The problem was that we would be entitled to them back under English law but, because they had been missing for more than three years, we were not entitled to them under Dutch

A press account of the case was seen by Mr Ran Eikeleuboom who emerged as the "white knight". When Mr Mooren decided to sell the carvings last year, Mr Ejkelenboom, a retired businessman, bought them on behalf of the church. Mr Ejkelenboom, aged 68,

who lives at Wasenaar, near The Hague, said he could not

disclose what he paid for the

figures but it was more than their valuation. "I am glad they are going back to the church and very happy to help, especially after all that the British did for the Dutch during the Second World War."

Impressionists scale new heights minor works in London yesterday. It was the best such sale to date, totalling £3.53 million, with 12 per cent of

were private, and most were European. The top price was for a collage of newspapers painted to resemble a dashing car by the Italian Futurist artist

Mario Sironi. It caused

Eighty per cent of the buyers

works unsold.

Artfile. astonishment by fetching £236,500 against an estimate of £35,000.

"Most of his paintings of this quality are in private Italian collections, and can't be taken out of Italy," Miss Melanie Clore of Sotheby's said. "Also, people are very wary of fakes. This painting has been exhibited so much it is 100 per cent certain".

looks likely to continue French artist whose spiky still prospering, judging from the lifes are scorned by the West results of Sotheby's sale of but loved by the East, also performed well, a Japanese private buyer paying £126,500

(double the estimate) for "Na-ture Morte au Compotier", and £115,500 (estimate £25,000 to £35,000) for its fellow, "Nature Morte à la lampe à huile". A Montmartre street scene by Utrillo was bought by

another Japanese for £104,500 £20,000 more than predicted. The authenticity of some Utrillo works has been questioned by the artists's heir, M Jean Fabris but "Rue Saint Rustique" had been authenticated by Mr Paul Petrides, Fabris's rival, whose opinion the main auction houses accept. There was no sign of Mr Fabris at the

Elsewhere in the sale Miss Clore noticed the success of "attractive, decorative, accessible, Sisley-esque paintings".

SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

painting, which was taken on a

European tour in the 1890s and then disappeared, has turned up for auction at Christie's, estimated at £150,000. The Bridge of Life" a complex work by Walter Crane, shows man's journey through life, its subject ending up in his winding sheet in a black gondola destined for the Styx, incorporating the theologi-

cal, metaphysical and biological writings of Shelley and Darwin, it is considered by Christie's "an icon of Victorian art and philosophy". The sale is on March 30. Local authorities are using commissioned works of art as focal points in Britain's town centres, according to a report launched yesterday by Mr

the Arts Council (Simon Tait The report, commissioned

by the Public Art Forum, shows 333 new works of art were commissioned between 1984 and 1988, and that in the last five years 24 per cent of local authorities have commissioned pieces worth a

total of nearly £4 million. Sculpture, accounting for 47 per cent, was the most popular medium, and murals, mosaics, stained glass and photography were also popular.

Commissioning art for public places is in line with the Arts Council's "Percent for Art" policy which encourages local authorities and developers to commit a percentage of development budgets to commissioning and incor-porating original works of art in their plans.

"It is exciting news that so many local authorities are actively working with artists and craftspeople to enhance our environment" Mr An acclaimed Victorian Peter Palumbo, chairman of Palumbo said.

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## Youth ordered out to Ortega rally

the se With the US-financed opposition breathing down its neck, Nicaragua's Sandinista leadership yesterday called out a huge crowd of supporters in a final show of strength before next Sunday's election, which has become a closely fought referendum on 11 years of semi-Leninism in America's backyard.

By Paul Will

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The hot and dusty streets of Managua, the capital, turned into a sea of red-and-black Sandinista banners as lorries and buses from the Army and state-run enterprises drove thousands of young supporters to the lakeside plaza in front of the cathedral to cheer President Ortega, the former guerrilla who is seeking his first popular mandate.

"The people will win, the people are with the Frente," Señor Ortega's voice boomed out over the raily.

Esmeralda, aged 19, showed me a leaflet from the local Sandinista committee that left little room for discussion. Everybody out for Daniel ... Nobody stays at home," it

For much of the electorate, such exhortations by the party-state have been part of life since childhood. With the voting age at 16, more than half the country's 1.7 million voters are aged under 30. It is on this group that both Government and opposition have focused their campaigning fire in the final weeks, with Senora Violeta Chamorro, the opposition candidate, promising to end military conscription and the Sandinistas depicting gile and aristocratic campaign themselves as the party of carefree youth.

Yesterday it was vital for the Sandinistas, who deride the opposition as "US puppets and traitors", to upstage a have caused in a decade of war rally held for Señora Chamorand economic mismanageto in the same plaza last ment. Since the revolution the Sunday, when at least 50,000 people turned out for what amounted to the biggest dis-play of public opposition to the Sandinistas since the 1979

In their efforts to scupper Nicaragua's history, people the opposition rally, the are unlikely to be frank in Sandinistas even resorted to responding to poll questions, broadcasting rare popular and Senora Chamorro insists shows on state television, in this case the film Batman and coverage of Mike Tyson's knock-out in Tokyo. Nevertheless, the size of the turnout for The Washington Post a gave a boost to Señora week ago, Señor Ortega is Chamorro's UNO coalition at leading by 48 per cent to the end of a lackfustre camraign, and forced the Sandinpaign, and forced the Sandin-cent. The poll also revea



Holding the reins: President Ortega, head of the ruling Sandinistas, campaigning on horseback as he seeks his first democratic mandate in Nicaragua

istas to confront the problem some concern over the inof what to do if they lose. fluence of the US, with 54 per As little as a month ago that cent of respondents saying they believe Señora Chamorro prospect was unthinkable. would take most of her instructions from Washwith Senor Ortega's polished and powerful election ma-Given the reluctance of

voters to indicate their true presence into the ground. intentions, predicting the out-UNO does appear to have come of Sunday's vote is appealed to people's deep proving exceptionally diffiresentment against the Sancult, but the betting among dinistas for the havoc they diplomats and other foreign observers is still on Senor Ortega and his comrades. Ask ordinary Nicaraguans economy has shrunk by a half why they will vote for a party

and 35,000 people have died that appears to have run their country into the ground and they will usually reply that the Opinion polls consistently show Señor Ortega ahead, but Sandinistas gave land and dignity to the poor and pro-vided a minimum of social observers point out that, given welfare in a land which for a long time was exploited by an Americanized upper class. that the Sandinistas are so But, among more sophis-ticated citizens, an additional

hated "the only way we can lose is through fraud". reason for supporting the In the latest survey, taken Sandinistas is being propounded - the opposition made up of 14 gs, would probably



Señora Chamorro, on the campaign trail, showing confidence in a victory for the opposition. Eastern Europe, the move-movement long before then.

### Left alliance in Nepal joins reform battle

violent round in "The Stir", have ignited so readily. the name given to a mass

Poverty, a crippled econuprising which seems certain omy, corruption and years of to force changes in the Hima-layan kingdom's peculiar brand of democracy.

With the refrain "Now is opposition leaders are demanding that the 30-year ban on political parties be lifted. They say that events in Eastern Europe make the democratic tide in Nepal unstoppable.

King Birendra's answer has been unequivocal: his Adminstration sent security forces break up pro-democracy protesters. Police found themselves besieged by angry mobs who rained half-bricks on them. The police opened fire, killing several men. The unofficial death toll in the troubles so far is 10.

Three top leaders of the canned Nepalese National Congress have been under house arrest since Saturday, including Mr Krishna Prasad Bhattrai, its acting president. Other officials have gone underground as government forces seek out known

734 arrests have been made since the trouble broke out several days ago, a figure confirmed by international observers. The redbrick office of the National Congress, tucked away at the end of a muddy alley in the centre of Kathmandu, was completely bare yesterday. "Everybody has gone underground," a

There have been pro-democracy movements in Nepal before - the last in 1985 but never anything that seemed so committed. The National Congress abandoned the 1985 protest after several bombs exploded, saying that it would not lend its name to a violent campaign. Although analogies are being drawn with the East European democracy movement, they are not entirely appropriate since Nepal is not faced with a

Nepal is braced for the next ment undoubtedly would not

political frustration have contributed to the volatile brew. A India has added to economic the time" - a slogan fast hardships. There are no longer becoming a political battle cry shortages of basic commodities or of petrol but they are

ferent from other protest campaigns is the forging of an alliance last month between seven of the eight leading communist factions, now a group called the United Leftist

In a remarkable display of solidarity, the Front has vowed to throw its weight behind the National Congress democracy. It is the first time that Congress and the communists have come together.

"The Stir" is being seriously hampered now that so many leaflets are being secretly spread through Kathmandu declaring this Sunday to be "Black Day" when people should wear black armbands. carry black banners and wave

A strike has been called for March 2 - the second in the campaign. The last one several days ago was widely sup-ported, with private taxis and buses staying off the streets

non-party elected panchayats (assemblies) ranging through various levels from villages to the national legislature. The system was introduced by the King Mahendra, and modified by King Birendra after a 1979 referendum which many people said was rigged.

Opposition leaders want King Birendra to become a constitutional monarch subordinate to a multi-party elected legislature. The next Congress elections are due in a year, but most observers believe King Birendra will system imposed from outside, have to open negotiations But, without the inspiration of with the pro-democracy have to open negotiations

#### WORLD ROUNDUP

## threat of attacks

Beirst - A child aged six was killed and thousands of Christians fled their homes in east Beirut yesterday as fears of a resumption of large-scale battles between rival Christian leaders grew amid frequent violations of a four-day ceasefire (A Correspondent writes).

Seven people were wounded by sniper-fire on the newly formed front lines between the Christian Army and Lebanese Forces Militia in heart of east Beirut. The Army, under General Michel Aoun, is demanding that Mr Samir Geagea's hardline militia pulls out from its headquarters and strongholds in the capital and merges its forces with the Army. Both men want total control of the Christian enclave

Meanwhile Palestine Liberation Organization sources in southern Lebanon confirmed that a four-man PLO delegation has been in east Beirut since Sunday to follow up a peace initiative by Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman.

### UN population fear

Manila (Renter) - The world population is growing by three people a second and, unless this is curbed, most gains in improving quality of life could be swept away, the United Nations Population Fund said yesterday. Dr Nafis Saik, its executive director, said that progress in reducing birth rates had been slower than hoped for and the population, earlier expected to stabilize at 10.2 billion by the end of the next century, could head towards 14 billion. The population, now at 5.25 billion, was growing by around 250,000 a day.

Brassels: Dr Lester Brown, a leading US environmentalist, who heads the Worldwatch Institute in Washington, said yesterday that the world faced famine from overpopulation unless families limited themselves to two children.

### Kremlin warns Japan

Manila (Reuter) — Japan was conquering the world with electronics and its "flow of capital", Mr Gennadi Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, said here yesterday. Moscow wanted to ensure that, in the wake of rapid change now sweeping the world, there was no renewed military threat from Japan or Germany, the other principal power defeated in the Second World War. Mr Gerasimov told a news conference that US military power in the Pacific was now out of proportion to the Soviet presence and said it was being kept high through bureaucratic

#### Chemical war charge

A team of West European chemical warfare experts yesterday accused the Angolan Government of using chemical weapons against its population for years while fighting Western-backed rebels (Our Foreign Staff writes). Experts from the Universities of Ghent, Madrid, Vienna and Innsbruck collected samples and examined victims in Angola before issuing a statement through Ghent University in Belgium. It said civilians had been "severely intoxicated by chemical bombs used by the Government of Luanda ... No therapy could decontaminate the victims." Yesterday, rebels from the National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola (Unita) recaptured the key south-east district of Mavinga from government troops.

### Pakistan nuclear deal

Islamahad - France has agreed to supply a nuclear power plant to Pakistan and to authorize French enterprises to negotiate a deal for the sale of the plant with Islamabad (Zahid Hussain writes). President Mitterrand of France said in Islamabad yesterday that the offer to supply the plant would be in accordance with international regulations, including guarantees for its peaceful use. France is the first Western country to agree to sell nuclear plant to Pakistan despite an informal ban because of its alleged nuclear programme. M Mitterrand said that a formal agreement between the two countries would be concluded soon. Miss Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan's Prime Minister, hailed the French decision as historic.

#### **Report by State Department**

From Susan Ellicott, Washington, and Richard Owen, Jerusalem

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international standards, for

alleged crimes committed dur-

ing the unrest . . . At year's end

the crackdown was still

Mr Richard Schifter, the Assistant Secretary of State for

Human Rights and Humani-tarian Affairs, was due to

Peking (Rester) — Police have detained more than 4,000 peo-ple in Peking in a campaign to rid the Chinese capital of the

"six evils" of corruption ahead of the Asian Games in Sep-tember, the *Peking Daily* said.

The "evils" are prostitution,

continuing."

The United States, in an annual report on human rights worldwide, yesterday bluntly condemned China for crushing pro-democracy protests in Tiananmen Square last summer and criticized Israel for down on participants, supcontinuing to abuse Palestinian rights in the occupied

The strongly worded criti-cism of Peking is likely to provoke further antagonism between Congress and the Bush Administration over the President's decision to maintain high-level links with Pe-king. The Democratic-led Congress has urged Mr Bush to justify his rapprochement last year with China by showing the country has improved

its record in return. The report, which is pre-pared by the State Department for presentation to Congress, praised the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe for dramatic improvements in their record on human rights last year and cautiously commended South Africa. It reserved its strongest language for the "abysmal" human rights record of Iraq and serious violations in

Burma, Cuba and Syria. The report's list of human rights infractions in China included the widespread tor-ture of prisoners, the arrest and killing of dissidents with-out trial, the expulsion and harassment of foreign correspondents, and attempts by Peking to defend the military crackdown last June with a disinformation campaign.

submit the report to the House and Senate yesterday.
It is intended to help Con-

gress consider requests from foreign countries for US aid, but is also used to assess whether a country deserves preferential trade links with the United States. Congress does not automatically cut aid in response to a critical report on a

On Israel, which with about "The human rights climate in China deteriorated drama- \$3 billion (£1.76 billion) a year of speech and press, assembly tically in 1989," the report is the largest recipient of US and association".

said. "At least several hun- aid, the State Department dred, and possible thousands, said: "The human rights situa-of people were killed in Peking tion in the occupied territories on June 3-4. The Peking massacre was followed by a remains a source of deep concern." More Palestinians drastic countrywide crackdied last year, the second year of the intifada, than in 1988. The report acknowledged that there was a "significant in-crease of violence by Palestin-Thousands were arrested and about a score are known ians against Palestinians". ing trials which fell far short of

Israel yesterday issued a weary self-defence, saying that, unlike other Middle Eastern states, it was "doing its best" to observe the rule of law. The Army had a duty to maintain order and counteract the "violence and terror" of the intifada while diplomatic negotiations to achieve a

settlement were under way. The US described the Soviet Union as witnessing "a remarkable opening-up of the political process" during the presidency of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, but said it still had "a considerable distance to go" before it would meet international standards.

pornography, drags, gam-bling, abduction of women and "superstition". The report said the human rights record of Iraq "re-mained abysmal in 1989" because its Government "arbitrarily arrested or detained" several thousand people, in-cluding opposition leaders, and virtually outlawed freedom of speech.

The report said that Vietnam's human rights abuses last year included "brutal treatment of persons, arbitrary detentions, absence of fair trials, denial of privacy, and severe restrictions on freedom

### Red tape's secret 'army'

From Philip Jacobson

When the ordinary citizens of France fall behind with contributions to the national health service, a short, sharp reminder drops through their letter-box.

When the Ministry of Defence is found to have neglected to make its statutory payments on behalf of 150,000 civil servants for 45 years. a deal is hastily patched up to cover official

By some reckonings, the Ministry now owes Sécu, France's social security authority, a cool 90 billion francs (£9 billion) - not far short of half of last year's defence budget. In the event, the Government's accounting watchdog, the Cour des Comptes, has delivered a bill for

about 8 billion francs. The French are indebted for these revelations to Le Canard Enchaîne, a weekly newspaper which is the scourge of the political establishment, According to the magazine, the

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Ministry of Defence was nailed after an investigation lasting several years. It began when a senior official at Secu noticed that the annual cheque the Government hands over for all its employees covered 150,000 fewer people than the number paying their own share of contributions. The computer trail led investigators to the

Defence Ministry, where it was quickly established that this army of fonctionnaires had disappeared within the bureaucracy. When the error was discovered and Sécu asked for its missing billions, Le Canard reports, the Finance Ministry demanded a detailed bill going back for almost half a century.

And where was the information? The Ministry of Defence, which regards the number of people it employs as an official secret, refused to co-operate with the Cour des Comptes. To avoid deadlock, says the magazine, it was eventually decided to allow the Defence Ministry's accountants to come up with a suitable sum.

## Lebanese flee new threat of attacks China in dock on rights A DEMOCRATIC NICARAGUA

## **DEMOCRATIC WORLD?**

"We the undersigned call upon the Nicaraguan Government to fulfil its pledge to conduct the forthcoming elections of 25 February in an atmosphere of freedom and toleration, and to respect the outcome of the elections as a true reflection of the will of the Nicaraguan people. We also hope that the British Government, working with other major powers from both East and West, will help ensure that the election results are followed by a smooth transition of all elements of the present regime's state apparatus to a new and freely elected government, constitutionally separating party and state, with guarantees of an independent judiciary and legislature.

We hope that the present election will allow Nicaragua to join the ever-growing group of democratic nations that are now emerging throughout the world."

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Prof. Antony Flew

Peter Griffiths MP

Dr Alexandra Hardie

Prof. John Hibbs OBE

Michael Knowles MP

Prof. David Marsland

Norris McWhirter CBE

Dr Kent Matthews

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Christopher Butler MP Vladimir Bukovsky

Robert Chambers

The Baroness Cox

General Secretary. International Society for Human Rights. Anthony Coombs MP

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## Capitalist trail-blazers in East find it an uphill journey.

The Marriott Hotel in Warsaw is a shining temple of doorn.

Western-built, it boasts the usual cocktail lounges and cafes, and rooms at \$160 (£94) a night - about four months' wages for the average Pole.

Here the privateers of Eastern Europe hole up, drawing elaborate flow charts for the ultimate destruction of the

Sir William Ryrie of the International Finance Corporation comes in one door, Professor Jeffrey Sachs of Harvard through another, a team of crewcut World Bank men are at brunch — cost per serving 75,000 zloties, a week's salary for a Polish teacher - and the glazed enthusiasm, the bubbling missionary talk, is indistinguishable from the squads of transcendental meditators and Jehovah's Witnesses who have also arrived to save Poland from itself. The road from seridom to the

free market leads up a steep gradient. There are only a handful of facsimile machines in Poland, and they blink and stutter like neurological case-studies

It was sad to see a French merchant banker, on the brink of a deal that would revolutionize Warsaw's refuse collection, trying to send a fax to Paris from

the central post office.

The single machine had broken down again, would perhaps be fixed by the afternoon, but would then have to cope with three days' backlog of unsent messages. Try the Holiday Inn fax, advised a British accountant (con-sultancy fee: £350 a day plus expenses), but at least the mich cleake one but at 2am when the night clerks are more lenient and the lines less cluttered.

The phones are, of course, hopelessly overloaded, though various Western lobbyists have been trying to sell Warsaw a new exchange. Dialling from a northern Warsaw district, to the centre of the capital, or across the Vistula is difficult; not impossible, but difficult. Better by far to privatize Poland from the safety of

the new Western-style hotels.

The free market Solidarity-led Gov-

ernment and the privatizing ministers of Hungary have drawn up elaborate route maps to the market economy, and by the time they are taken by courier to the Western consultants in their air-conditioned shelters, they look like a credible basis for business.

Few visiting Westerners stray into factories. When they do, the shock is often terminal. Mrs Barbara Piasescka-Johnson, the Polish-born baby-scap millionairess, was emotionally committed to rescuing the Gdansk shipyards. With a phalanx of lawyers and accountants, she made half a dozen flying visits.
The gap between the logically correct solution (a streamlined, privately owned yard, computerized management, auto-mated welding) and the Dantesque reality (rusting bathtubs, abandoned hulks, workers using worn-out 1970s equipment) was so large, so unbridge-able, that even the charitable Mrs

between \$5 million and \$6 million. The management and workers thought the assets worth \$40 million. The workers wanted a solid dollar-based salary. Mrs Johnson sought to put money into modernization, not wage packets. She wanted a strike ban, the workers grumbled. For the time being, she feels more comfortable in New Jersey.

The evaluation of state-owned assets is the crucial issue, and points to some of the weaknesses of the Western experts who are parachuting into the East. Too many of the Western advisers are in business on their own account and therefore have an interest in underesti-mating the value of factories up for sale. Mr Krzysztof Lis, the Polish Govern-

ment's plenipotentiary, suspended the privatization of Polish Records, the Warsaw Television Enterprise, which is being advised by Mr Philip Mayo of the British National Freight Corporation, the Piert coolenies and 70 other the Piast coalmine and 70 other

new privatization law is settled. Mr Lis says he will only allow the privatization of companies that do not hold a monopoly, have a convincing development plan, have prepared a two-year analysis of operations under the new tax conditions, and are committed to market

There are Western scouts everywhere, easily identified by their tendency to buy foxfur hats that shed hair on otherwise immaculate Brooks Brothers suits.

They are heading mainly for Poland and Hungary, but they can be spotted in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and even Romania. In East Berlin, businessmen outnumber spies for the first time since

The most helpful advice agency has probably been the International Finance Corporation, an affiliate of the World Bank. It is good at hooking up finance and identifying natural targets for privatization. But even such an international body has its preferences - it ownership - and the new governments are beginning to realize that they have to feel the way through the maze by themselves. There are no precedents for anevi

this kind of transition from planned to market economy. The following conversation was overheard in the Warsaw Marriott. Western consultant (full of vim): "You could offer shares to the workers instead

of wage increases. Polish executive (doubtfully): "Yes, possibly."
Consultant: "And they could sell them at

the market rate and you would get a better idea of your real worth. That's the way it works." Executive: "We don't have a stock market."

Consultant: "Oh, dear." Executive: "But we have a noticeboard in the factory. Workers could pin up their offers there, couldn't they?" Consultant (somewhat doubtfully): "Yes." (Pause) "Do you have pins?"

### Havel wants peace conference to end post-war divisions

From Martin Fletcher, Washington

President Havel of Czechoslovakia, addressing an enraptured Congress here yesterday, called for a "peace con-ference" to end the post-war divisions in Europe and to create a new pan-European structure which would devise its own security system.

He said the scheduled 1992 Helsinki Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe should be brought forward to assume that role.

The conference should "put formal end to the Second World War and all its unhappy consequences" and should draw up a treaty to guarantee the borders of all European states, he said.

Mr Havel added that the new pan-European structure should incorporate a unified, democratic Germany, and the security system should embrace both Nato and Warsaw

But he denied reports that he wanted "to dissolve the Warsaw Pact tomorrow and Nato the day after". Czechoslovakia owed its very existence to Nato, he said.

He nevertheless looked to the day when Europe once again assumed a single iden-tity and was "compelled to be when the old bipolarity gave way to a new "era of multi-

Europe would take responsibility for its own security, deciding for itself how many of whose troops it wanted in its territories.

"For another hundred years American soldiers should not have to be separated from their mothers just because Europe is incapable of being a guarantor of world peace," he said. "Sooner or later, Europe must recover and come into its OWIL'

In a speech punctuated by regular ovations, Mr Havel, a East Europe will cost the playwright and former dis-European Community an exsident, referred to the "nightmares" of living under Soviet three years, with Britain asked rule and described the recent upheavals in Eastern Europe as "historically irreversible".

"Our freedom, independence, and our new-born willing to pay the extra money, but is strongly op-

He described Czechoslovakia as a "country where there is complete freedom of speech, which is getting ready for free elections, and which wants to create a prosperous market economy and its own foreign policy".

His country was no longer a Mr Havel made no appeal

for American assistance, suggesting instead that "you can help us most of all if you help the Soviet Union on its irreversible, but immensely complicated, road to democracy.

The sooner, the more quickly, and the more peacefully the Soviet Union begins to move along the road to-wards genuine political pluralism, respect for the rights of nations to their own integrity, and to a working - that is, a market - economy, the better



Mr Havel: Looking to an era of 'multi-polarity'.

it will be, not just for Czechs and Slovaks, but for the whole world."

● BRUSSELS: Support for tra £1.4 billion over the next to contribute £258 million, according to figures presented here (Michael Binyon writes).

chased at great cost and we posed to any extra funding for pean Parliament.

will not surrender them," he Latin America and more spending on environmental protection, transport, the audio-visual sector, energy and vocational training, which Brussels is also proposing.

Herr Peter Schmidhuber, the Budget Commissioner, said that, after a review of the financial perspectives until 1992, the Commission pro-"meaningless satellite", and felt culpability for its former "reprehensible passivity". It was ready to assume its responsibilities in the world.

"meaningless satellite", and posed spending an extra 500 million European currency units (ecus) —£355 million to help reform in Eastern Europe this year, 850 million posed spending an extra 500 million European currency ecus next year and a billion ecus in 1992.

It also wanted to spend an extra 2.4 billion ecus over the next three years in aid to Latin America, the Mediterranean region and Asia, and 1.2 illion ecus for internal policies strongly supported by the European Parliament. He said this rise would still

be within the framework of the 1988 inter-institutional agreement. It was also below the ceiling of less than 0.03 per cent of the Community's gross national product which allows ministers to take a decision by majority vote.

Although the money is additional to what was proposed earlier, it is offset by a fall in Agricultural Policy.

Britain argues that Eastern Europe is a special case, as events there could not have been foreseen. But itsays there is no reason now to increase spending for other parts of the world or on pet projects of the European Parliament, which should have made out its case when the financial estimates were being drawn up.

Brussels revised its 1990 budget only in December, setting aside 300 million ecus in aid to Poland and Hungary

But this figure has been increased after urgent requests for similar aid from other reforming East European na-tions - Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Bulgaria, Romania and Yugoslavia.

Some 200 million of the 500 million ecus now proposed have still to be approved by EC ministers and the Euro-

### Kohl comes up against some obstacles to reunification



Steel city a testament of failure

From A Correspondent, Eisenhüttenstadt, East Germany

fathers of East Germany created this steel town on a plain near the Polish border, proudly calling it "the first socialist city". It was to be a prototype of the way in which Germans would make communism

Today "Ironworks town" which is what its name means - is a desolate testament to the failure of the central planning system to keep pace with industrial development.

Its broad but dirty streets and modern but dilapidated housing for 54,000 inhabitants are evidence that the state is bankrupt. The red banners and communist party slogans are gone from Lenin Allee, the main street through the bleak town centre. They are replaced the nation's new opposition parties.

the pride of East German socialism," says Herr Kurt Jäger, a long-time resident. "It turned out to be a colossal socialist misadventure."

Although workers here enjoy better housing than many of their compatriots in rotting apartment buildings else-where residents still trudge past bleak residential silos that are cracked and crumbling from decades of neglect.

The air reeks of emissions from the sprawling EKO foundry and steel mill on the town's northern edge and from the gritty smoke spewing from thousands of unfiltered coal-fired residential boilers. Concern over an uncertain

future has also added to residents' woes, as the East by campaign posters pasted up German economy verges on collapse and reunification looms. Residents share a "The grand notion was to growing East German fear that use Soviet ore. Polish coke reunification will bring them steel and shipped back east for

Forty years ago, the founding and German sweat to create hardship and unemployment. further processing. EKO of-Local officials say that the iron ficials say that it will be and steel complex, like many difficult to find a company in factories in the nation, is hopelessly obsolete and cannot compete with mills in the West. With more than 11,000 workers, EKO is the town's largest employer and many worry about lay-offs.

"Without EKO the city will die," says Herr Klaus Kathner, editor of the town's newspaper, Neuer Tag.

There are few grounds for hope about the plant's future. When it was built in 1950, EKO was a modern iron and steel works. But over the years, little was done to keep its essential production divisions up to date. Losses were covered by subsidies.

For years, EKO has been forced by its technological backwardness to export its iron to West Germany, where it was turned into finished

Eastern European archives.

man occupation of Eastern

the Third Reich's use of forced

collaboration with the Nazis,

and the names of victims of

the Holocaust, will be avail-

The US Holocaust Memor-

ial Council, a branch of the US

Government, has reached a

series of agreements that will

enable it to begin microfilm-

ing the Nazi records for

The council began filming

in Polish archives last week

and plans to start in the Soviet

Union this summer. The

Scholars are only now

able to scholars in the West.

the West interested in keeping the plant running. The town's fledgeling Social

Democratic Party branch is campaigning hard on a platform pledging social and financial support to cushion workers and their families during the difficult reunification process."We have to make sure that people are not ruined by unemployment. price increases and currency reform," says Herr Matthias Onika, first secretary of the branch. But he admits that East Germany is effectively powerless and that help will have to come from Bonn.

The newly founded party, scarce of resources, faces an uphill battle in the March 18 elections. But Herr Onika is confident. "No one has forgotten who created this national

Western scholars granted

#### Germans slacken the pace From Ian Murray

The stampede towards Getman reunification seems to have slowed since Mrs Thatcher complained about its pace last weekend. Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, acknowledged yesterday that the Soviet Union may still insist on an agreement by the four victorious Second World War powers before reunification can take place.Domestically, Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, is now talking less of speeding the process and more of the long list of complex reforms required to schieve economic and monetary reunion.

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Significantly, Herr Hans Klein, his spokesman, said yesterday that "the Chancellor has never said that reunifica-

tion could happen this year". The Foreign Minister was responding to an interview with Pravda given by President Gorbachov. The Soviet leader said his country, along with Britain, the United States and France, would retain spe-cial responsibility for the future of Germany in the absence of peace treaties between Germany and the countries it fought against.

Herr Genscher agreed in a radio interview that the Soviet leader wanted to involve the four powers in the arrangements of the process.

He did not believe that President Gorbachov had yet reached a conclusion on how reunification should be achieved, but that there was no question that the Soviet President now supported it.

The Foreign Minister said the interview with Pravda confirmed in substance the impression gained by Herr Kohl that Moscow considered that it was up to the German people to work out the details.

Herr Genscher admitted that the interview also highlighted the psychological fears in the Soviet Union over the issue of a united Germany. For this reason, he said, it was important to consider the views of every party so that should be acceptable to all.

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### Moscow inquiry into anti-Jewish article

The Moscow judiciary is to have been additionally scared by extreme Russian national- Vasilyev, its leader, denies groups, a criminal investigainvestigate the recent publication of anti-Semitic material in a student newspaper, the terday. According to a spokesman for the Moscow prosecutor's office, this is the first migrants and so (in their view) time criminal proceedings have been instituted over an anti-Semitic publication in the Soviet capital.

The investigation relates to a recent article in the student Energetics Institute, Enerpolitical programme pur-porting to come from the organization. It called, among Jews to be banned from higher education and the Communist Party, as well as from state and government posts.

The publicity given to the investigation — it was reported by the weekly, Literaturnaya Gazeta, and by Tass - seems intended to reassure Jews in Moscow that their interests will be protected.

The anti-Armenian pogroms in Azerbaijan last of the incident. month sparked off rumours that nationalist groups in other Soviet cities, including Moscow and Leningrad, were ethnic groups. Jewish groups had been planned in advance Pamyat, but Mr Dmitri and its splinter group or nainful."

by rumours that Russian ists, who had positioned in- that his organization had any nationalists will try to force stigators strategically in the part in what happened and has them out of the country, now that the United States has some of those involved were withdrawn political refugee status for Soviet Jewish immade it more difficult for them to emigrate.

Yesterday, too, the Interior Ministry issued the latest in a series of official statements denying that anti-Jewish pogroms were taking place. It refuted claims in a Kiev getik, which incorporated a newspaper that a number of flats belonging to Jews had been attacked in the Ukraiextreme nationalist Pamyat nian city of Kharkov - insisting that these were ordinary other things, for the total "de-Zionization" of Russia and for case of a fire at the central still under investigation.

The fire on January 18, which has become known as the TSDL affair after the Russian title of the Central Writers' House, arouses strong passions. Vzglyad, one of Moscow television's most glasnost-minded programmes, claimed was an amateur video

This showed the outbreak of extensive violence after an anti-Semitic speech at a meeting organized by the Russian planning imminent attacks on Writers' Union. The com-Armenians, Jews and other mentary argued that the riot

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From Mary Dejevsky, Moscov

audience. It cited the fact that not members of the union and had been admitted to the Pamyat was responsible for meeting without identification cards, despite strict security.

While there is general acceptance that extreme Russian nationalists - whether

colosis kills more than 21,000 affair. He also claims that the Soviet citizens a year, victims of an abandoned campaign to cal newspaper said yesterday.
The newspaper Medizinskaya
Gazeta, published partly by
the Ministry of Health, said cradicating the disease a lack of funding coupled with indif-ference by health officials had wiped out the earlier gains.

writers in the heat of the moment, or paid thugs - were responsible for the violence and subsequent burning down of the TSDL building, there is no agreement on precisely which group might have been responsible. The Russian Writers' Union is a haven of nationalist sentiment, but would not normally express it

except on paper. Popular wisdom blames of the Pamyat organization will be no less difficult or

consistently dissociated his group from violence. He also denies that his branch of the political programme pub-

under investigation. He blames a Pamyat breakaway group, led by a certain Konstantin Smirnov-Ofiostashvili, both for the proe and for the TSDL alternative Pamyat has highlevel connections with the KGB and the Moscow local government, both of which use it to discredit the original

Pamyat. Pamyat is certainly riven with dissension and its activity is shrouded in rumour. When one of the alternative Pamyat's leaders, Mr Yevgeni Yevseyev - who was also vice-president of the Russian-Palestinian Association died after being run over on the Moscow ring road 10 days ago, the traffic police issued an immediate statement saying

untimely death, Mr Vasilyev was quoted as saying: "He who lives like a dog dies like a Whatever the ins and outs

he had not been murdered.

Asked about Mr Yevseyev's

tion - however pioneering into a single article in a smallis unlikely to calm Moscow's worried Jews. Having seen that the authorities in Baku were unable or unwilling to defend Armenians against attack and having been brought up on tales of the pre-revolutionary pogroms, many prefer not to put Moscow's pledge of protection to the test and seek emigration instead.

 WASHINGTON: Mr William Webster, the director of Agency, has said that the crisis in the Soviet Union is likely to be long and painful and that intelligence-gathering reeasing of East-West tensions (Reuter reports). "The crisis we now see in the USSR will likely be deep and prolonged." Mr Webster said in remarks prepared for delivery to the Baltimore Council on Foreign

In an unusually blunt public statement, the CIA director painted a bleak picture of President Gorbachov's plight in promoting his bold agenda of reforms. "The new system he is

to take the place of the old one

he is discarding ... the future

monumental task is expected to take at least a decade. "It will certainly be a treasure trove because these documents have never been used before," Mr Brewster Chamberlain, the Holocaust Council's chief archivist said trying to create is not yet ready They will reinforce facts we

Western archives.

#### access to Nazi records From James Bone, New York For the past 45 years, tens of

beginning to assess the size of Michigan State University, millions of pages of captured

Nazi documents from the Second World War have been gathering dust in Soviet and one of the world's leading experts on captured German Soon this huge cache of information about the Ger-70 Soviet archives alone, and more elsewhere in Eastern Europe, rich in details about Europe. labour, the extent of local

So far, experts from the Holocaust Council have surveyed only eight Soviet archives. In recent months, agreements permitting access to archives have also been reached with Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary and Poland. Negotiations are under way with Yugoslavia, but political instability has thwarted similar efforts in

Bulgaria and Romania. There are a huge amount of German records - records created by the occupation authorities - and they deal with everything from planning tobacco in the Ukraine to the actions of the Einsatzgruppen killing squads," Mr Chamber-

A team of US experts visited several Soviet archives last month and got a taste of have not been able to prove the kind of revelation that will emerge from the material. Professor Lewis Siegelbaum

and importance of the material. Professor Raul Hilberg, of the University of Vermont, which involved not merely military co-operation, but also documents, estimates that cultural activities, the creation there are 100 million pages in of Nazi-sponsored anti-Bolshevik committees, and even the hitherto unknown creation

> sian volunteer army in 1944. "The degree of co-operation by elements of the local population has been far greater than has hitherto been known," he said. "I would put it in the order of 20 to 40 per cent of the population, although I would not necessarily

of a German-inspired Belorus-

say it was enthusiastic." Professor Siegelbaum made his most gruesome find at the archives in Kharkov in central Ukraine, where he uncovered evidence of the extermination of almost the entire Jewish population of the town in 1941, while it was under German occupation.

A census conducted by the Nazis classified the town's 240,000 residents by nationality. The 9,600 Jews were listed on special yellow paper. Three days later 8,900 of them were rounded up and taken to a

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### Romania struggles Secret of transmin house, the south of the south of transmin to the south of the so to banish fears of a new police state

And they only a service of the control of the contr The provisional Romanian party's organization in the ister, said: "The specific tap-Government yesterday launched a belated campaign to convince a sceptical public bureau. that the vast surveillance network run by Nicolae Ceausescu's feared Securitate was being dismantled.

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The move came in response to widespread fears that the network, including 700,000 paid informers and an army of eavesdroppers in every telephone exchange in the country, had quietly been transferred to the control of the ruling National Salvation Front, which many people regard as a cover for the oldstyle Communists.

In another development, Mr Corneliu Coposu, the leader of Romania's main rightwing opposition group, the Front's leadership. A year National Peasant Party, said later, the National Peasant last night that one of the Party was outlawed by the party's members had been Communists and has only murdered and tortured while pinning up a party poster in the region of Moldavia.

Mr Coposu, aged 74, a former political prisoner, claimed that the killing, on February 8, was part of a dirty tricks campaign and that it had been accompanied by attacks on 25 of the party's regional offices in recent weeks. He said leading members of his party had been subjected to repeated telephoned and written death threats, some from groups describing themselves as

The alleged murder victim

village of Rosior in Moldavia ping equipment is in the and a member of the district

The campaign for Romania's election on May 20 is certain to be the dirtiest fought in Eastern Europe. The offices of the ruling National Salvawin the poll, were ransacked by a mob on Sunday, which Front leaders claimed had been organized by the National Peasant Party.

The two have a long history of political enmity stretching back to the 1946 election which, representatives of the National Peasant Party claimed, was rigged by the Communists who, they now allege, form the bulk of the been revived in the wake of the December revolution.

The new pledge to Romanians about the dismantling of the Securitate's surveillance system, contained in a detailed statement by General Victor Stanculescu, the new Minister of Defence, is meant to reassure Romanians who, even two months after the revolution, mostly remain convinced that their telephones are tapped and who still talk in whispers in res-

taurants and public places. target for telephone tapping was president of the right-wing First Deputy Defence Min-prosecutor."

process of being destroyed." It had been disconnected on December 22, he said,

The statement was accompanied in the daily Tineretul Liber with revelations of the extent of Ceausescu's eavestion Front, the favourite to dropping. The paper discovered that in addition to thousands of dissidents, Ceausescu had bugged most leading members of his own Government and many of his own close relatives, including his eldest son, Valentin, now in

> Ceausescu's wife, Elena, is reported to haveordered the secret videotaping of the sexual exploits of members of her own family, including her daughter, Zoe, who is also under arrest.

fail awaiting trial

"You could say that under Ceausescu repression was the only part of our national life that was pursued efficiently," Professor Silviu Brucan, the Front's chief ideologue has

In his statement, the general promised that the new security structure his ministry was setting up would not be placed "at the disposal of any party or political group".

He said all leading members of the Securitate, numbered in thousands, had been retired, including all heads and deputy heads of departments. "Those The minister, himself a guilty of committing crimes are under arrest and being when he served Ceausescu as investigated by the military

Albanians challenge Kosovo crackdown



Defiant ethnic Albanian youths in the troubled Yugoslav province of Kosovo after building a barricade of rocks across a road in the town of Vucitra yesterday. Armoured military units had been patrolling the streets after the authorities imposed a night curfew in response to the violent campaign for regional autonomy.

### Hungary 'may join political wing of Nato'

Mr Gyula Horn, the Hungar-ian Foreign Minister, has for the first time raised the possibility that Hungary, a Warsaw Pact member with 50,000 Soviet troops still stationed on its territory, could eventually join the political wing of Nato.

Speaking to a meeting of political scientists and foreign affairs experts from Hungary's main political parties, Mr Horn said that to create a common European house a new, collective system of defence and security on the continent was needed, which would require closer contact

between Hungary and Nato.

become a member of Nato's political wings," he said.

While not advocating withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact, Mr Horn endorsed the idea that it should evolve from a military to a purely political organization with only "consultative" functions, and that Nato forces should be dismantled and defence tasks

returned to member states. He did not rule out the possibility of a gradual convergence or merger of Nato and the Warsaw Pack

Although the proposal can-not be considered official Hungarian foreign policy, it marks a dramatic change of "It therefore cannot even be thinking for Mr Horn, who excluded that Hungary could until recently had argued for

disbanded simultaneously an idea, he told the meeting, which was now "an illusion" because of the rapid pace of political change in Europe.

Because Hungary does not strong "back to Europe" strathave a common border with any Nato country, it has been considered of lesser strategic importance for the Warsaw Pact, a fact which may lead Hungary to become the first member to leave it.

Mr Hom's statement took many by surprise, including Mr Ferenc Karpati, the De-fence Minister, who said that he would have to study the text before commenting.

Mr Horn, who is considered It is believed that Mr Horn, the architect of Hungary's elections.

party elections, might be try-

ing to reshape his party's

foreign policy along the lines

of the increasingly popular

opposition which advocates a

egy, and in many cases, a

the Warsaw Pact and a

A distinct anti-Soviet tinge

has surfaced in some cam-

paign posters, including one

from the centrist Democratic

menacing back and burly neck

of a Soviet soldier with the

slogan "It is all over".

declaration of neutrality.

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maintaining both military a candidate for the Socialist landmark decision last sum-blocs until they could be Party in next month's multi-mer to allow East Germans the right to cross Hungary to the West, is well respected at home and abroad, but his Socialist Party, which split from the former Hungarian Socialist Workers (communist) Party last October, has seen its popularity plunge in recent polls.

Meanwhile, Mr Ferenc Somogyi, the State Secretary of Foreign Affairs, announced yesterday that talks with Soviet experts on a pull-out of Forum which shows the Soviet forces from Hungary will continue next Wednesday with an agreement likely be-fore the middle of March, just weeks before the Hungarian

South African 'dirty tricks'

### Security net under fire

From Nicholas Beeston, Johannesburg, and Gavin Bell, Cape Town

P.W. Boths, the former President, is beginning to fall apart after a wave of recent disclosures of "dirty tricks" operations by the military, police and intelligence services.

The latest revelations came in The Star newspaper in President de Klerk, Botha's successor, prepared to announce, probably today or tomorrow, that he is to meet leaders of the African National Congress to pave the way for a new power-sharing

In yesterday's reports, high-ranking officials were allegedly linked to a secret hit squad. They include General Magnus Malan, the Defence Minister, General Jannie Geldenhuys, Chief of Staff of the Defence Forms and General Staff of the Staff o the Defence Forces, and Gen-eral Witkop Badenhorst, the chief of military intelligence.

The Star said the three men and several other senior officers were directly in command of the so-called Civil Cooperation Bureau, which in- and police forces, the Governvestigators have blamed for the assassinations of Mr David Webster, a left-wing academic, and Mr Anton Lubowski, the Swapo lawyer in Namibia.

The accusations have led opposition parties of the left and right to call in Parliament for General Malan to resign. He has admitted the existence of the Bureau, but denies ordering assassinations.

The powerful security appayear, Mr de Klerk has at-ratus in South Africa, which tempted to control the somilitary establishment who were allowed to operate largely independently of the Cabinet and Parliament.

After their withdrawal from Namibia, which is about to become independent, the South African Defence Force



General Malan: Denies that he ordered assassinations. restricted and faces huge bud-

In the greatest challenge yet to the generals in the military ment has authorized the Harms Commission to inquire into the hit-squad allegations. The inquiry was originally launched after Mr Dirk Cotzee, a former police captain, revealed his involvement in assassinations of blacks suspected of being ANC members.

But the scope of the investigation has now broadened to include the killings by

edly carried out by four forratus in South Africa, which tempted to control the so-mer members of the country's reached its zenith under Mr called "securocrats" in the top crime-fighting team - the top crime-fighting team - the murder and robbery squad at Brixton, a Johannesburg inner-city suburb.

One former policeman is being held under the Internal Security Act, and Lieutenant-Colonel Staal Burger, the squad's former commander, is

> The issue of Mr de Klerk's meeting with the ANC was discussed at a Cabinet meeting in Cape Town yesterday, but no statement was issued. An informed source said that the Government was still awaiting an official letter from the ANC requesting a meeting.

> The source expected an announcement before the President flies to Zaire on Saturday for talks with other African heads of state.

Mr Walter Sisulu, the veteran ANC activist, said a letter would be sent soon. The organization said at the weekend that it would send a highranking delegation to discuss its preconditions for negotiations, notably an end to the release of all political

The ANC has now appealed to the Organization of African Unity to prevent the con-ference in Zaire, saying that it runs counter to OAU resolutions on South Africa, but Pretoria is confident that the meeting will go ahead. President Mobutu of Zaire, Rwanda's head of state, and possibly those of Burundi and Gabon,

### Since coming to power last the Bureau, which were alleg- are expected to attend. Maude ends Hanoi talks without boat people deal

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

1,000 people a month from

Britain agreed to help pay

of State at the Foreign Office, left Hanoi yesterday after four the beginning of May. days of talks without an agreement to carry out more man- for a new reception centre for datory repatriation flights of Vietnamese boat people.

Whitehall sources denied about \$150,000 (£100,000). that this amounted to a set-

voluntary methods alone, and said they would try to reach an sis to voluntary methods. accord by the end of the month. The British under- ted Nations High Commissistanding was that this would oner for Refugees, and the from the Vietnamese side.

in favour of expanding the is an inaccurate description.

returning boat people at a cost estimated by the sources at

Mr Maude said the higher back in Britain's attempts to rate of voluntary repatriation bring about the repatriation of would come into effect by the boat people by mandatory May and described it as "a the boat people by mandatory as well as voluntary methods.

May and described it as "a substantial increase". But it The two sides agreed that was seen by observers as a the problem in Hong Kong climbdown, because Britain could not be resolved by has held out for months against switching the empha-The United States, the Uni-

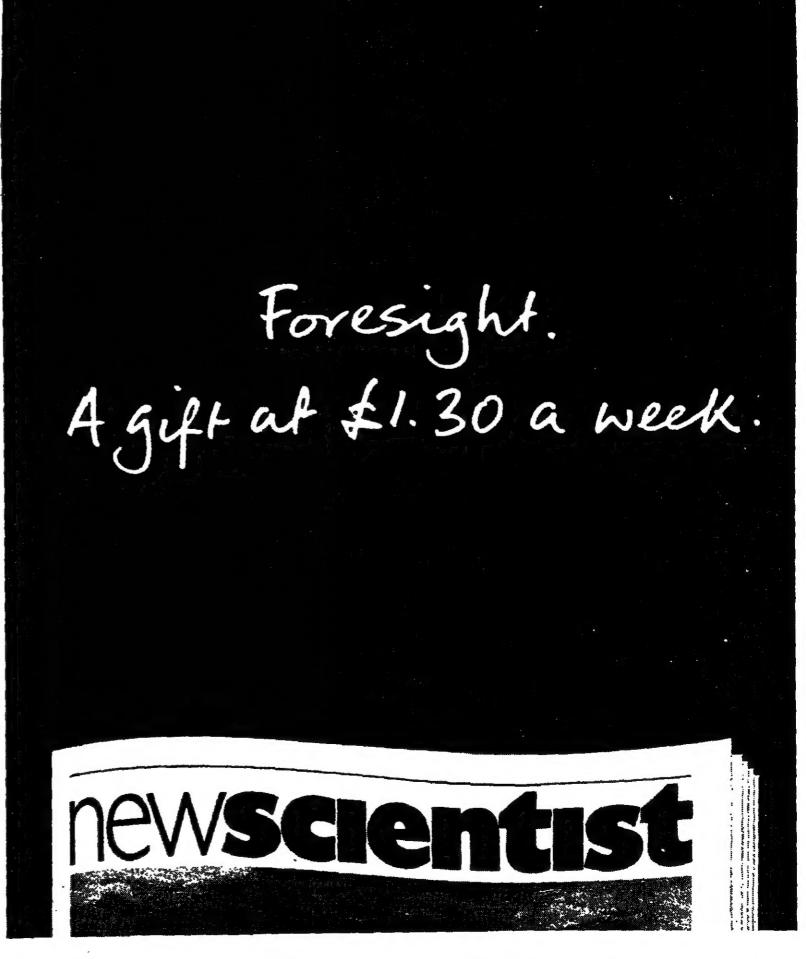
include mandatory flights, but Scandinavian countries have there was no confirmation insisted that the voluntary scheme should be given time The sources said it could to work, and mandatory not be argued that Mr Maude repatriation should be only a had failed in his main objec- last resort. This has also been tive, as talks were to continue described by some as forcible through diplomatic channels. repatriation, but the British Both sides have always been Government argues that this

existing voluntary repatri- A shift in the British emphaation scheme, and agreed that sis emerged yesterday when fruition."

Mr Francis Maude, Minister it should be stepped up to Mr Maude spoke to reporters after his second meeting with Mr Nguyen Co Thach, the Vietnamese Foreign Minister.

> Until now, UK sources have argued that the world community was close to accepting the principle of man-datory repatriation - based on the outcome of a meeting in January of the steering committee of the 29-nation Conference on Indo-China Refugees in Geneva, when all nations except the US and Vietnam backed a compromise. This would have allowed mandatory repatriation flights to resume in the summer.

> But Mr Maude yesterday put a different light on the outcome of the Geneva meeting: "We all agreed that there should be a date ... not at which mandatory repatriation should begin but at which it could begin again. It would only be necessary for us to seek a non-voluntary repatriation if those measures on (speeding up) voluntary repatriation did not come to



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are the same maximum retail price as were the L's before February 1st.

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All the new DOHC engines get a new gearbox so sophisticated they have syncromesh on reverse. Other features include front fog lamps, headlamp wash-wipe, and electronically heated door mirrors, clearly a good idea.

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### Minister criticizes 'humbug' on S Africa sanctions

The Opposition's attitude to sanctions against South Africa had more to do with internal Labour Party politics than with producing any particular outcome in South Africa, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Commons.

Questioned about the Euro-pean Community Council of Ministers meeting in Dublin yesterday, he criticized those ed declaratory motions who passed declaratory motions but did nothing else. There was a great deal of humbug about sanctions, he said.

Mr George Robertson, an Opposition spokesman on for-eign and Commonwealth af-fairs, said that the meeting represented a further miserable humiliation for Britain, "isolated and derided as the last friend of apartheid".

When economic pressures were just beginning to produce some movement to reform in South Africa, what conceivable reason was there for Britain, alone among all her allies and partners, relaxing the pressures? Did the Prime Minister not recognize the perversity of her

She was reneging on her own commitment, freely entered into, to keep sanctions in place at least until the state of emergency was lifted, until all political prisoners were set free and, as the Commonwealth

address

Labour MPs reacted furiously

when Mr Christopher Chope, Under Secretary of State for the

Environment, revealed that he

knew the poll tax registration address in Wandsworth of Mr

David Nellist (Coventry South

During a plethora of points of order the Speaker came close to expelling MPs when they re-

Mr Nellist asked how Mr

Chope, a former leader of Wandsworth council, had ob-tained the information. Had

civil servants given it to him, or

had it come from his contacts at

Mr Christopher Patten, Sec-

retary of State for the Environ-

ment, said that access to extracts

from the register was permitted.

If Mr Nellist had indicated that

East, Lab).

the council?

fused to sit down.

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communiqué said: "Change was irreversibly secured". Would be explain how, when the Prime Minister was telling the House yesterday that Brit-

ain's investment sanctions were going to be lifted, come what may, the Foregn Secretary (Mr Douglas Hurd) was at the same time in Dublin offering to delay

"Who speaks for Britain? Or was it a case of the messenger not getting the mes

Yesterday the Prime Minister sought to bolster her feeble case on investment sanctions by quoting BMW (South Africa). Would be confirm that this investment did not come from Germany?

Mr Waldegrave said that, on the last point, the Prime Minister made clear yesterday that those were internal profits being

They made the point that it was rather childish to talk about an investment ban when there were some companies hugely expanding their operations in South Africa.

He was not sure that the Opposition yet understood that the measures taken by the Community on September 15 1986 were quite explicit.

They reaffirmed the urgent need for national dialogue across the line of colour, politics and religion. They urged that, since the South African Government was then taking no steps in that direction, certain measures

If all the figures being talked about by local authorities turned out to be true, it would mean a f3 billion increase in spending above what the Government

should be undertaken until that dialogue was launched. The dialogue was launched, as all sides had made perfectly clear, and was going to begin soon. The reason for these sanctions — not all sanctions — had therefore failen. They had been in Mr Poberteen to the control of the control o

He had made a silly point about alleged differences be-tween the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary. There were no differences.

been, in Mr Robertson's terms,

Mr David Howell (Guildford, C), chairman of the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, said that South Africa had entered a period of transition in which more, not less, invest-ment was needed to help the black communities to develop. Why did Labour MPs seem determined to develop these determined to do down these ellors for reform?

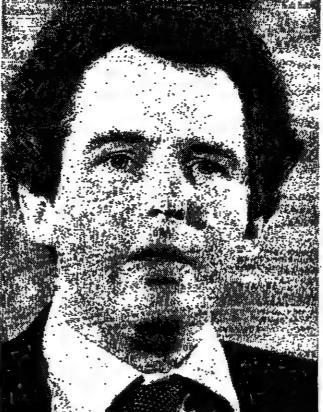
Mr Waldegrave said that this was nothing to do with produc-ing any particular outcome in South Africa but more with the remain politics of the Labour Party. Labour was making declaratory, emotional statements, not sensible policies. Investment was the best way to dissolve apartheid.

Mr Bowen Wells (Hertford and Stortford, C) suggested that Mr Nelson Mandela should be asked to visit Britain so that the Government could be certain that its policy was co-ordinated.

Mr Waldegrave said that Mr Mandela was considering an invitation to visit Britain. It was no new to Mr Mundela that the

Dispute on Councils 'asking for £3bn more'

wrong for every local authority in British and was it not time be recalculated the figures and get



Mr William Waldegrave (left) and Mr George Robertson, who clashed in the Commons on the question of sanctions.

Foreign Secretary (Mr Douglas Hurd) had reported the dis-cussion to the Cabinet that was likely to be done.

its exports by 20 per cent, Germany had doubled its im-ports and its exports. "If we are to defeat apartheid,

Mr Waldegrave said that all South Africa's principal trading partners had increased their trade with South Africa in recent years. As The Times leader had said today, there was a great deal of humbug about this subject.

Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend East, C) said that European foreign ministers should be told widely

it is by economic growth, not economic sensitions." That was a typical example of

Jacques Delors, the EC president, to initiate a special inquiry to discover exactly why West Germany had emerged as South
Africa's largest trading partner
while the German Foreign Minister was appealing to Britain to
boycott trade with South Africa.

ministers agreeing to a policy which they were blatantly ignor-ing in their own selfish interest. Mr Waldegrave said that there was a big difference be-tween those in the EC and

was declaratory, "who pass mo tions but that is the end of it" and those who were trying to engage in practical actions to belp to bring about change in South Africa.

### **Tower** is the place? for MPs

The Tower of London may be opened earlier for visitors on Sundays during the summer, Mr David Trippier, Minister for the Environment, said.

Mr Conai Gregory (York, C) said that it was a national scandal that the Tower was closed for the whole of Sundays in winter and was open only on Sunday afternoons in summer.

Mr Trippier said that the practicalities and econom-ics of all-day opening on Sunday were under review.

Mr Tosy Banka (New-ham North West, Lab) suggested that Mrs Thatcher should be "banged up" in the

Mr Trippier thought that Mr Banks, Mr Frank, Haynes (Ashfield, Lab) and Mr Dennis Skinn (Bolsover, Lab) should be locked in the Tower. When they spoke they would still be able to be heard in the Commons (laughter),

#### Advice for homeless

An advice service to help to prevent and relieve homeleassess was an-nounced at question time by Mr Michael Spicer, Min-ister for Housing and Planning. It would cost about £1 million and would advise on the dangers of leaving home as well as on the belp available to those who did become homeless.

As a matter of urgency they were considering what further comprehensive ac-tion was needed, especially for those sleeping rough on the streets.

#### Social fund move refused Mr Michael Meacher,

chief Opposition spokesman on social security, un-successfully sought an emergency debate on the High Court ruling today on the op-eration of the social fund.

He said that the ruling meant that thousands of the poorest people in the country had been illegally de-nied help from the fund because of the Government's inflexible approach.

French power Imports of electricity from France last year accounted for. per cent of total electricity available from the United Kingdom public supply system, Mr Tony Baldry, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said in a written

#### Commons reply. Electricity

The Opposition motion criticizing the effects of the electricity industry was rejected on Tuesday by 289 votes to 207 - Government majority, 82.

#### Train checks

Passport checks for Channel tunnel passengers will nor-mally take place on trains. Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, said in a written

New bishop The Bishop of Exeter, the Right Rev Geoffrey Hewlett

Parliament today

British Government disserred with him on this point. Mr David Wasick (Walsall North, Lab) said that Mr Edward Heath was right to say that Britain was once again isolated over muctions.

Mr Waldegrave said that other countries had taken similar national positions. During the Falklands War, the Irish Republic had chosen to end sanctions against Argentina

Later, Mir Waldegrave said that, although the Government had had no legal capacity to stop companies investing in South Africa, it had issued guidance that they should not do so. It now seemed suitable to revise

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, said that the decision taken by the Council of Min-

isters in October 1986 had been binding on the Government. It was voluntary in that companies could not be bound by the decision, but the Government was bound and could not break it unilaterally. The Government was acting unlawfully.

Mr Waldegrave said that inquestionably the Govern-ment was acting within the law. Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C) said that since 1986 France had doubled its imports from South Africa and increased

Government's projections were fiction. It would be better to make a clean breast of it and

withdraw the figures rather than make vague threats about

least publish the criteria se that

local authorities, which could have no confidence in the figures

used so far, would have some gridance on how they were expected to make their judgements?

Capping.
Would the Government

that it was "pure hypocrisy" for them to refuse to end sanctions when sanctions were being ignored in at least five

Mr Waldegrave should tell M

### Rape in marriage **Bill introduced**

Mr Harry Cohen (Leyton, Lab) was given leave under the 10minute rule to introduce the Rape in Marriage (Offence) Bill. He said that such rape was an offence in Scotland but not in England.

The law was outrageous and did not reflect the reality of marriage nor society's attitude to rape. A wife was not a husband's chattel and just because a woman had said "I do" at one time should not deny her legal protection to say "I do not wish to" at a later time.

A husband who was about to be divorced could rape his wife

without any legal penalty.

Mr Antony Martow (North-ampton North, C) opposed the Bill, but did not press it to a division. He said that remedies to protect women already existed. Assault by husband against wife was a crime and could be dealt with by the courts.

It was an absurd measure motivated by a combination of distress caused to some unformate women and what Private Eye would call "wimmin" — the ghastly feminist lobby which seemed to think all men were evil: that men were made of

for saying that it was not a crime

at all. There was a simple moral

decision to be made.

slugs and snails and puppy dogs' tails and women of sugar and The Bill was formally read a

### 'Cab rank' defeat for Government

The following report appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government suffered a setback in the Lords when peers carried an amendment to the Courts and Legal Services Bill requiring solicitors appearing as advocates to comply to the "cab rank" rule - to accept clients without regard to reward or likelihood of winning. Lord Alexander of Weedon

(C), a barrister, moving the amendment on the report stage of the Bill, said that it would Lord Cha ensure that everyone had proper access to the service of ad-

Those given extended rights of audience under the Bill should accept the obligation to should accept the obligation to argue cases without regard to the popularity or unpopularity of cases and should not decline a Related amendments were then

made by the legal aid fund rather than out of the more ample private purse". The amendment was intended as a bulwark for the citizen.

Lord Mishese, an Opposition spokesman on legal affairs and a solicitor, said that if one asked for a privilege already granted to others, one must accept the burdens that those others had

Lord Mackay of Clashfera Lord Chancellor, said that the issue would be better dealt with by the rules made under the Bill than included in the Bill, because the amendment provided for exceptions.

case "because payment is to be agreed to without divisions.

recalculated the figures and get then right?

Mr Patter and that the part of spending increases which some councils were talking about would, on average, mean a 35 per cent increase in domestic rates if that system were still in place next year. above what the Government regarded as reasonable, Mr Christopher Putten, Secretary of State for the Environment, said during Commons question time. He refused to speculate, how-ever, on the extent of capping that the Government with tree next year.
"There is no conceivable arguthat the Government might use. He told Mr Roland Boyes (Houghton and Washington, Lab) that if authorities again ment, even if you believed everything every local authority said, no conceivable argument for increases of that size, "As for the Royal County of Berkshire, I am whally safesfied

on budgeting excessively they will be capped; if they budget sensibly they have nothing to fear." with the argament we have put in the past and I hope that their charge-payers will see that the comity council set a sensible budget and not sak for an increase in income in the high should take into account the unanimous decision by the policy committee of Berkshire County Council to condemn the Government for the fairytale floures of the county of t

The following report appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government will not intervene directly to help the Royal Shakespeare Company out of its financial dificulties, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, made clear in the Commons. It was for the Arts of the A

the Arts Council to decide how to distribute the funds at its disposal.

"I am quite confident that the RSC will continue with the highest level of excellence and I am very proud of its

Opening a debate on the RSC, Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman on the arts, moved a motion deploring government treatment of the company

which was forcing it to close its stages at the Barbican in London from Novem-ber. The motion called for more

He said that the RSC's decision to

close two London stages showed the miserable failure of the Government's

arts policy. The Government stood accused of ineptitude and inactivity while one of the world's great theatre

companies closed. No one could deny

achievements."

government funding

#### ENVIRONMENT

Gould, Labour's chief spokes-

Gould, Labour's chief spokesman, was engaged in the dance of the seven wells and the first well had fallen. When the lant fell, would it be a mutually rewarding experience?

Mr Patten said that Mr Gould would like to explain the many alleged benefits of the roof tax, but the Leader of the Opposition (Mr Neil Kinnock) stupped him.

Mr Gerrard Neale (Corawall North, C) said that there was a growing boye and expectation in Corawall that Mr Patten would see fit to cap the outrageous see fit to cap the outrageous increases being proposed by Cornwall County Council.

Mr Patter said that he had siblities towards charge-

## judgements? Mr Patter said that the Government would be publishing the criteria on charge-capping, if it had to, long before the Opposition published any satisfies on the root tax. If all the Same for tax.

that the RSC was a successful company, receiving international acclaim. It was extremely popular. Last year, 1.5 million people paid to see the RSC, yet it was in deficit by £3 million.

Mr Luce had said that arts companies

should go into the market place and look for spousorship. The RSC had raised £1 million in spousorship and earned another £1 million a year from commer-cial exploitation of productions.

The recent increase of 11 per cent in

Arts Council grant had been too little too

late. For 10 years the Government had neglected the arts. That could not be put

right by a settlement only 3.5 per cent more than inflation.

Mr Lace said that Labour criticism fell between a Comedy of Errors and Much Ado About Nothing and included an enormous amount of Alice in Wonderland. Mr Fisher had become a

merchant of doom and despondency, far away from the reality of what was

maintain taxpayer support for the arts."

The Government is committed to

The Arts Council had had a cash

happening in the arts.

If all the figures for community charge being talked about were true, that weak imply a £3 billion increase in spending. "Is to the Change time, a spending of view he did not wish information to be disclosed, his argument was with the registration officer.

Of running and maintaining church, C) asked about the made until all local authority that we should provide 5 billion of the registration officer.

Mr Patten had got the figures community charge. Mr Bryan in the coming year?"

## The Government was stalling by referring the subject to the

being raised from the private sector and

Mr Robert Macleman, for the Liberal

Mr Kobert Macleman, for the Liberal Democrats, said that there was no other way out for the RSC than a big increase in government funding. Barbican seat prices were the highest in London and since 1985 had increased by 47.5 per cent. There was no scope for further price increases without infringing the chartes be objectives of the RSC charter.

Mr Patrick Cormack (Mid Stafford-

shire, C) said that if the lights of the

Barbican were allowed to go out the arts would be diminished throughout the

nation. The great national theatres deserved special funding. It was unfair

for that responsibility to rest with the Arts Council which could not always

adequately discharge it. The Government should consider special funding for the great national institutions.

The RSC had taken a hard commer-

from sponsorship.

## mean a delay of two or three spice and all things nice. years. The fact that a crime was difficult to prove was no reason first time.

### Luce will not intervene to help RSC increase in its resources of 22 per cent over three years. Museums were to have a 27 per cent increase over three years. The Government was spending about £500 million a year. More money was alternative, but he hoped that something

open during the year. Mr Brian Sedgemore (Hackney South and Shoreditch, Lab) said that the Prime Minister was a legendary philistine who did not understand the way in which Shakespeare moved the human spirit. He called upon Sir Peter Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, to resign for failing to find the additional money to keep the Royal Shakespeare Com-pany open and to bring home to the Government and the public the desperate plight of the theatre.

would now happen to enable it to stay

Mr Tony Banks, an Opposition spokesman on the arts, said that the arts were no more important than the homeless, unemployment and transport was far more likely to to be judged on the standards and excellence of its architecture, sculpture, and literature, than on its obsolete weapons of death and destruction.

The motion was rejected by 272 votes

#### Thompson, was introduced in the House of Lords.

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office: Prime Minister. Debate on East-West relations. Lords (3): Courts and Legal Services Bill, report, secone day.

### How Labour changed its spots

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

men into the country, just as the Democrate did in America 20 years ago, and say what are the policies people want and when we find out what they'll vote for, we'll write it into our manifesto'

— that's not the sort of politics I

want in be inculved in."

Mr Kinnock now presides
over a party refushioned to make
it safe for Social Democrats to

return to, and Mr Hattersley, the fellow veteran of the "dream ticket", is still there beside him. A new book charts the process by which Mr Kinnock in the meantime has attempted to mo-bilize Labour's own silent major-ity, reduced the overweening influence of the trade unions, and dropped the main policies utive policy committees and

Emerging from the first meeting of Labour's home policy committee after the last general election, Neil Kinnock said: "I am not in the trimming homes."

When Bryan Gould, the Labour star of that campaign, mached Labour's third consentive defeat by saying: "We ought to be looking at where policies ought to come from, what the demand is, what interests we ought to be serving", an outraged Roy Hattersley, an outraged Roy Hattersley, an outraged Roy Hattersley, and outraged Roy Hattersley, campaign for the deputy leadership as well as kinnock's for the top job. In their analysis of the 1987 campaign we learn, for example, that Labour spent £15,000 on Tocardor researcher.

The life that the machine are all the things we do: we change this policy, we have a new defence policy, we shandon mationalization, we give up our vision of equality. What we do, we send out a lot of marketing men into the country, just as the Demants did in America 20

leader's airy promise that Lab-our world knock a million off the unemployment mult within two years when no policy to do so had been worked out at all. Bryan Gould was given three weeks to produce one costing less than 15 billion.

Several key blocks in Neil Kinnock's rebuilding of his par-ly's structures and attitudes are identified. It was a conscious decision, for example, to margin-alize the land left by going after Militant in its Liverpool lair. Mr Kinnock built a new



trimming business. But the most intriguing fea-ture of the study is the light cast on the shadows behind the shadows — the Shadow Com-munications Agency, which be-came the prime mover in the policy review process not long after Peter Mandelson, Kin-mack's director of compaigne nock's director of campaigns and communications, wrote a memorandum to his boss urging the switch from a policy-committee-based process to a

in reforming the party's atti-The authors label as "Glitz-

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gost", the process by which a group of volunteers from advant-ising and starketing offered their services to Labour, is most cases without charge, and how their research and presentations determined the broad strategic themes both of the policy review and of the "Labour listens"

The key figure among them was the co-ordinator of the Shadow Communications. Agency, Philip Gould, who taught Labour to target the readers of the tabloid newspapers it had previously disdained and to avoid the impression that it represented only minuties.

What they had to do accounted about to a con-trick on the initially rejectant politicians involved in policy-making: they had to demonstrate by what looked like minity independest research that Labour had to shed the "Louny Left" image, its dependence on the trade unions and its perceived weakness on

There can be little doubt that they succeeded in that first

phase how far the palicy review process their has been a success is yet to be determined — when the election campaign begins to approach the area! auravel the weel. Labour has discovered thanks to its communications experts what it no longer can afford to believe in: the question now is what does it really believe in? Labour Rabuilt: The New Model Party by Colin Hughes and Patrick Winters (Fourth Estate; 46.95).

### MPs approve divorcees move yesterday. The Commons voted late on Tuesday to reverse its controversial decision of last year on Church of England ordinations. It carried by 228 votes to 106 a Measure permitting in certain circumstances the ordination of people who had been divorced and remarried or who have

married a divorcee. The Measure had been rejected by only 6 votes (51-45) in the early hours of the morning last July. The House of Lords had approved it, and the Church of England Synod decided to resubmit it, unchanged, to the Commons.

The Measure empowers the archbishops to permit the ordination of someone who es remarried after divorce and whose former spouse is still alive. Mr Michael Alisan, Second Church Estates Commissioner, moving the Clergy (Ordination) Measure, said that the debate was an unusual re-run. Because last year's

debate had taken place in the early hours, many suggested that it had not done justice to the importance attached to it by the General Synod. The issue related to the marital status of men and women seeking ordination. At present, those who were divorced and remarried and with their previous partner still living were debarred from ordination. The present absolute bar reflected Christ's teaching about marriage being a lifelong and permanent union. The Measure did not seek to question, abrogate or

repudiate that doctrinal position.

Parliament had established the synod to give more time and consideration to such matters but had rightly reserved the last word to itself. It was right for the House to consider such matters, and they should adapt the old saying Religion was too important to be left to bishops and clergy. Mrs Ann Winterton (Congleton, C) said

### The following report is a fuller version of that which appeared in later editions vertexday. that which appeared in later editions was seeking to condone. Their voice was not sufficiently reflected in synod. They looked to the church to provide them with a lead in moral and other matters and had been sadly disappointed.

It might not be the right time for Parliament to take on the established church and give it a boot up the backside, but she believed it to be the right moment to make a stand against liberal trends on matters of morality.

To allow the ordination of men who had

been divorced and then remarried made a mockery of the church's teaching.

Mr Tony Bean (Chesterfield, Lab) said that the matter threw into sharp focus the matter of church-state relations. One of the motives of those who opposed the Measure, he believed, was that church

pronouncements on peace, poverty and social justice had greatly angered some Conservative MPs. He would not take lectures from those who had enacted legislation that had caused so much social If the Measure were accepted, the House If the Measure were accepted, the House was really accepting the right of the church to be free. If it rejected the Measure, the church would demand its freedom.

Mr John Gummer (Suffolk Coastal, C), a member of the General Synod, said that the proposal was for a special case for the very people of whom a higher standard was asked than others. What signal did that send to the rest of the community?

send to the rest of the community? Mr Andrew Rowe (Mid Kent, C) said that to reject the Measure was to say that the House doubted the redemptive power of the Holy Spirit, distrusted the judgement of the archbishops and that MPs were happy to ride rough-shod over the vocation of a to ride rough-shod over the vocation of a handful of Christians to gratify their prejudices or feed their human fears.

Ms Jo Richardson (Barking Lab) said

Parliament ought to make a decison. It should be left to the synod.

Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab) opposed the Measure and said that they had to decide on the balance of the argument, not on the high theology used by some MPs who also opposed it.

They were being select by the church to They were being asked by the church to create a privileged group who could be divorced and remarry in the lifetime of a spouse, and be ordained, while most people

Sir Patrick Mayhew (Tunbridge Wells, C) said that they should allow the law of the church to take account of the circumstances in which an undoubted infringement of the church's code had taken place.

"I stand by the doctrine that, for a Christian, remarriage when your divorced former wife was alive was adulterous and therefore a sin."

However, to insist that someone who wished to be ordained should always be barred because, perhaps long ago, he had divorced and remarried was a disproporionate sanction and inherently wrong.

Mr Mertys Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab) said that, lose or win, it would be one more little movement along the road to disestablishment. Both the Church in Wales and the Church of Ireland were the better for having been freed from political control.

Mr Hugo Summerson (Walthamstow, C) said that the Church of England had gone wrong and it no longer provided the guidance that ordinary people expected. He had lost trust in the church and did not believe believe its motives were correct. The Measure should be rejected.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, Lib Dem) said that to defeat the Measure would be to deny the sacrament of forgiveness for to those who were to be ordained, a sacrament which the church offered to its lay members.

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**DANIEL ORTEGA** 

rive for a day or two around the dusty roads of Managua, the lakeside capital of Nicaragua, and the chances are you will be overtaken by a speeding American Jeep, not of the army variety but the shiny black and chromium type beloved of wealthy young Americans.

In the back sit big men clutching guns, and at the wheel hunches a mild-looking, moustachioed man, probably clad in an Italian leather jacket and jeans. The driver is Daniel Ortega, guerrilla leader, president and the man long viewed by Ronald Reagan as an incarnation of the Leninist devil.

Fidel Castro would not be seen dead in a product from the country he reviles in only slightly stronger terms than does Ortega. But Daniel, as he is universally called, finds nothing odd in his attachment to his designer Jeeps, bought in spite of the United States embargo.

The vehicle, and Ortega's affinity with things American, are part of the contradictions that define the 44-year-old Nicaraguan president, and which help explain why he may win the election next Sunday and become a member of that very rare breed, revolutionary leftists with a more or less democratic mandate.

A decade since Ortega and his Sandinista comrades stormed down from the hills and joined a middle-class uprising to overthrow the hated Anastasio Somoza, Daniel still comes across as one of the world's more unlikely leaders. No typical Latin strongman, he has none of the magnetism of a Castro, the elo-quence of Tomas Borse, the interior minister and his hardline Sandinista rival. He lacks the macho panache of Bayardo Arce, another of the nine comandantes in the ruling directorate, and the tactical insight of his younger brother Humberto, the army chief.

In the early days, foreigners who met. Ortega wondered how this awkward young man could have achieved his status as Reagan's bogeyman, the "dictator in designer glasses", as the old presi-dent used to call him. You couldn't have a decent exchange with him, he came at you with this revolutionary jargon like a stream of little recorded messages," one interlocutor remembers.

The appearance was always

comandantes initially picked Ortega as a compromise among feuding rivals. But his inner steel, forged by battle and seven years of jail and torture, was recognized by his comrades, particularly those who tried and failed to outmanoeuvre him in the 1980s.

Since 1984, when Ortega won a presidential election, boycotted by the opposition on US advice, he has grown in authority and sophistication, deploying allies in key positions and becoming the country's unchallenged leader.

Always the pragmatist, he used his authority to push his fellow comandantes towards compromise in 1987. This paved the way to the regional peace accords and negotiation with the Contra rebels as well as a shift from harsh ideology. Enough of the repressive state machinery was lifted to permit open political campaigning. The result is an election arguably no more biased than those of Mexico, El Salvador and other Latin states which Washington certifies as democratic.

In recent months, Ortega has undergone a metamorphosis, He has emerged as a more polished performer, displaying skills that could have come straight from an American campaign book. Some probably did, since the Sandinistas employ a New York firm of consultants. Gone, for example, are the drab uniforms, thick glasses and revolutionary rhetoric. In their place have come a contactlensed, casually dressed, joggingslim man of the people who greets crowds rather in the manner of a rock star. He kisses babies, poses with beautiful women and signs baseballs which are then hurled into the audience. With Daniel in charge, the siogans proclaim, todo sera mejor (everything will be better). Violeta Chamorro, his opponent is no match when it comes to style and campaigning machinery, though it is still conceivable that that she could reap the widespread resentment that war and economic misery have

The idea of the Ortega slogan is that the sun will rise for Nicaragua once he receives a popular mandate. The Americans will be forced to drop their economic offensive and call off the Contras, some 3,000 of whose men are still skirmishing inside the country. They are not so sure of that outcome in Washington, where ga is seen as a ruthless

bred, and defeat Ortega.



tactician who may swiftly move against civil liberties again, once he is safely in power.

Ortega bristles when the Americans denounce him as a Marxist-Leninist puppet of the Kremlin, whatever that might now mean. If he has a creed, it is an eclectic mix of Latin nationalism, Catholic mysticism and that Merxism of the radical Sixtles generation from which he sprang, "I admire Marx, I respect Marx, as I also admire and respect Lenin," he said re-cently. "But I also admire Lincoln, Washington, Bolivar and Christ as

well." He might also have added Bob Dylan and Che Guevara.

The key to Ortega is his loathing for the evil he believes the US inflicted on his country through a century of manipulation and frequent military occupation. "I didn't have any Marxist-Leninist training or any ideas of that sort, but I thought that anything that came from the US was bad. That was simply because I could see that the US was supporting Anastasio Somoza."

From his birth in the northern village of La Libertad in 1945, Ortega and his two brothers were bathed in the bitterness of the lower middle-classes towards the Somoza family and their American protectors. His father had been a supporter of August Cesar Sandino, the nationalist rebel murdered in 1934 by the elder Somoza. After he lost his job at an American gold mine, the father took his family to a poor district of Managua where the brothers grew

Former school-mates say the brothers' revolutionary enthu-

up playing baseball and eating hot-

siasm blossomed when their father's poverty forced them to leave their well-to-do Catholic school, and they were dropped by their Americanized friends.

In his teens, Ortega organized a loose anti-Somoza gang which protested and indulged in terrorist attacks. By the mid-Sixties he had joined the revolutionary Sandinista National Liberation Front and was sent to Cuba at the age of 20 for training. After robbing banks and taking part in the murder of a notorious Somoza torturer, he was caught and jailed.

In prison, frequently tortured, he developed the resolve and selfdiscipline that later took him to the top. He read - Les Mistrables was his favourite - and began writing poetry and corresponded with Rosario Murrillo, a budding young poet and Sandinista supporter who had been educated in England and Switzerland. Rosario, a powerful influence, later became his common-law wife and bore him five children. In recent months, however, Nicaragua's first lady has gone her own way as Daniel has campaigned alone, or appearing with other women.

His freedom came in 1974, when a Sandinista squad stormed a high-society Christmas party and demanded the release of political prisoners in exchange for their prominent hostages. In late 1975, Daniel returned from Cuba and Costa Rica to help reconcile feuding Sandinista factions.

ollowing Humberto's lead, he shaped the coalition of guerrillas, urban youth and businessmen that eventually brought down Somoza in 1979, after President Jimmy Carter pulled out American support. A third Ortega brother, Camillo, was killed in the fighting. After a euphoric period in which

the Sandinistas were hailed by leftists the world over as the embodiment of revolutionary glamour, they fell out with the bourgeois" partners in their ruling junta and, with Soviet-bloc support, began installing the apparatus of the armed party-state. But while the Ortegas divided power between them, just as Fidel and Raul Castro had done, their directorate stopped well short of full totalitarian control. Even as he mobilized their country to fight the contras, a force created by Reagan to "make the Sandinistas cry uncle", Ortega professed a belief in pluralism and a mixed economy and, unlike hardline Cuba, his regime retained its standing as a fashionable cause for western socialists. It is a sign of the changing times that the pragmatic Ortega has removed any reference to socialism from his party's election manifesto.

Now, after a war that has cost some 35,000 lives and with the economy in collapse, a more mellow and confident Ortega appears intent on the kind of compromises that will help restore international confidence and end the "Yankee blockade".

If he is lucky, he will not this time have to face the test of his proclaimed democratic beliefs that would come with a defeat by Chamorro. Few foreign observers believe he would really give up the power he has consolidated over two decades of war and intrigue.

## A revolution made in Japan

It is the blank white crockery commandeered from the imperial porcelain factory and decorated either with the abstract vocabulary of the avantgarde Suprematist movement, or with pictures of heroic workers and slogans such as: "May the Bourgeois Disappear, Cease to Exist!"

Today, with bourgeois attitudes in the ascendant on both sides of the Iron Curtain, such plates have become the ultimate communist collectable. The record for a single example rose to £44,000 last October.

The problem is that the capitalistic urge has brought with it a darker side. It has turned Russians into grandscale fakers, bringing them into line with their Western counterparts, and their skills will be demonstrated at "Fake? The art of deception", a major British Museum exhibition from March 9.

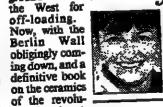
The Russian faking industry convincingly has been hampered by a lack of information on exactly what the backs of the plates should Underneath look like. As museums tend to can be found display only the fronts, bloomers such as incorrect signatures and dates can be detected, but covering up the only by a handful of experts. Buyers who have been conned include many Western dealers

and museums. So far, distribution has been restricted. A handful of Berlin to go to the Soviet Union, stock up, then fly to East Berlin, and

nly one art form survives from the time of the Russian Revolution.

It is the blank white crockery

- literally - take the underground train to the West for the off-loading.



look at

Sarah Jane Checkland tion imminent, the trickle of

fake porcelain is set to turn into a flood. "Alas, my book will become a handbook for fakers," says Nina Lobanov-Rostovsky, the author. "I wanted to put in a few imaginary marks to trip

Owners of fake plates, Lobanov-Rostovsky says, are often loath to acknowledge their problem, being keen to pass the parcel on as quickly as possible, and if possible, for a

painted on the upper side. blobs of paint covering up the imperial cycontrary to the faker's belief, the original artists did not

the Revolutionary plate: from 1921 hibition of

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them up, but my publishers refused, saying it wouldn't be scholarly."

profit. The plates are usually

shown "magnificantly

painted pot" dated 1919. no USSR in 1919," she says.

made in 1922. According to Lobanov-Rostovsky there have been busy brushes at work in Moscow, Leningrad, Berlin and elsewhere", and they have been inspired by several events. One was the unwise announcement by the state museum for ceramics at Kuskovo, on the outskirts

of Moscow, that it intended to fill in the gaps in its "agit-prop" and Suprematist holdings. (Western museums keep their purchasing to avoid affecting the market.)
The purchasing budget was large, and became known in art circles.

Then,

mer, during a vious periods when bona fire trip to Sweden, LobanovRectarday was and 1020s this architecture was and 1020s this architecture. Rostovsky was and 1950s - it is only in the last decade that the market in cynical fakes has arrived.

Suspects include the families

"But there was of the original porcelain artists who still have stocks of blank plates under their beds. Due to Likewise, any Suprematist the freezing conditions at plates dated 1919 to 1921 are factory, their grandfathers had been allowed to take them they could work home, where they could work Who are the culprits? in relative comfort. These people were also commissioned by the ceramics state museum to produce copies of missing examples, and the theory is that after the contract was complete, they carried on painting.

> way to protect this faked agitprop market is not by tra-ditional stylistic analysis but by the scrupulous checking of provenance. "The minute you hear it's come from a Berlin Lobanov-Rostovsky has armed herself with undisputed examples, "as from December 31 1989," and awaits developments with interest. But despite such precautions, fake propaganda plates - which do not show up on the security screens at airports - are here to stay.

As things are going the only

Revolutionary Ceramics, Soviet Porcelain 1917-1927, by Nina Lobanov-Rostovsky, will be pub-lished by Cassell in May.

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The Eliminator crossword puzzle (for solution, see page 24), published lest Thursday, was intentionally difficult since its purpose was to reduce the number of qualifiers for the London regional finals of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship to manageable

proportions.

About a third of the clues were of the same standard as the ordinary daily puzzle. The explanations of the remainder are as follows:

ACRUSS

1 Move at an early stage to give bishops longer careers (10) — Flanchetto: the early movement of a knight's pawn to develop a bishop on a long. diagonal. 6 Cheese-cutter used in cake piping (4) - Kept.

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9 A lot of drink makes a dictator out of a fellow
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12 Slow-witted Egyptian slave (4) — Esne: ESN = educationally sub normal.

13 Literally from start to finish, Lit. Hum. a disaster — sike a number of degrees! (9) — Azimuthal: AZ plus anegram of Lit. Hum. a. 18 A formerly pre-eminent orthodox head (6) — Exarch: the head of certain autonomous and the second of the second o

### Eliminator explained

Orthodox Christian churches, especially in Bulgaria and Cyprus.
23 Where to find Susanna, since the Canon won't have her (9) — Apocrypha: the history of Susanna in the Apocrypha, which is outside the Biblical canon, or list of sacred writings officially recognised as genuine.

recognised as genuine.

26 Retired Indian's capital (4) — Ipon: reverse of Hopi Indian; Ipon the capital of Perait, Malaysia.

28 Said to exploit W Africans (4) — Ewest a negroid people of W Africa.

29 College has a Herald Extraordinary with many facets (10) — Polyhedral: Poly (technic) plus anegram Herald.

DOWN

1. Join artist less than half a mile away (4).

DOWN

1 Join artist less than half a mile away (4)— Fuse:
Fuseli, Swiss artist, minus II, Chinese unit of
distance, about 3/8 mile.
2 Lacking in guts, perhaps, for the ascent of
splendid mountain in S Africa (7) — Aplasia:
medical term for congenital absence of organ;
altolated reversed.

3. Angel hard to make out in shedowy portrayel (5-7)—Clare-obscure: another (French) word for chiaroscuro, the beliance of light and shade in a picture, and the peinter's skill in the treatment of shadows: Angel Clare, the central character in Tess of the D'Urbervilles.

4. Martin sounds under age, so can be removed (8)—Ensable: sable is fur of the marten.

11 Rebound a huge ordinal—once the King's property (3,9)—Dun Laoghaire: known as kingstown 1821-1921; anagram.

17 Ams used in the occupation of Chester (8)—Heraldry: Chester Herald, an officer of the College of Arms.

19 What happened when the early cinema forgot to plot (7)—Apocope: the removal of the line letter or syllable(s) of a word, as in cinema, which started life as cinematograph.

21 Tell his opponent he raised his hat in vain (7)—Gessier: Hermann G, steward of the Duke of Austria, put his hat on a pole in Alteri to which the Swiss trad to do reverence. When William Tell refused, Gessier made him shoot the apple off his son's head. (Asked what his second arrow was for, Tell replect to shoot you with, had! killed my son').

22 It shows how fast the junkel runs out at a party (6)—Speedo: Spripectio.
Competitors with be informed of their results in the Eliminatur within lives weeks.

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**ALAN HAMILTON** 

he emotional reappearance of cellist Mstislav Rostropovich in Leningrad the other day almost didn't happen, I learn. He and the National Symphony Orchestra of Washington, of which he is the conductor, arrived on Friday but the musicians, appalled at the thought of drinking the brown tap water and the only marginally less disgusting local bottled water after two days of it in Moscow, refused to appear at the Philharmonic Hall unless they were provided with French mineral water. Chase Manhattan, the tour sponsor, had to fly 500 litres of the stuff from Paris to Helsinki and cart it thence by road to Leningrad, where it arrived a day late and only in the nick of time to save the concert. And no, it wasn't Perrier; it was the rival and, so far, untainted Evian.

hile in Leningrad, this column's representative asked Mrs Tatiana Zakharova, deputy mayor in charge of cultural affairs, about the ninebillion rouble refurbishment programme to return the city to its full Tsarist glory for the 300th anniversary of the founding of St Petersburg in 1703. What would the place be called by the time of the 2003 junketing? "Leningrad," said Mrs Zakharova without hesitation. She's Party, you understand. However on March 4 she is being opposed for the first time by a non-Party candidate in the city elections. So we'll see, won't we?

Gritted teeth, I suspect, for the Prince of Wales in Washington tonight when he attends the annual awards ceremony of the American Institute of Architects. Top prize will go to Kohn Pedersen Fox, designers of part of the Canary Wharf development which Charles so patently dislikes and of which he asked: "Why does it have to be so tall?" It's all right, Sir; tonight's winners designed the low bits.

oday's saddest story of the New European Order concerns Dr Ronald Scheel who left his home in East Germany as soon as the Hungarians opened their border to the West last September. Driving his trusty Trabant, the world's worst car but now something of a freedom symbol, he pushed on through Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Austria, braving all manner of hardships, toils and snares until he reached the safety of West Germany. Impressed that his Trabant was still functioning, and having inordinate faith in its noisy and noxious two-stroke engine, he had the brilliant notion of driving on and presenting the car to the Beaulieu motor museum in Hampshire. Alas, this epic journey came to a sudden end on Tuesday afternoon, when he was hit by a lorry on an autobahn outside Stuttgart. From a German roadside phone he informed Beaulieu that he was fine, "but the car is sick". The Trabant is currently in a garage, while an anxious Dr Scheel camps in an adjoining hotel. Staff at Beaulieu, who are extremely keen to have what was to be the only example in Britain of a P601 Limousine (was ever a word so misused?), are on that it was a very small lorry.



'My shares keep falling down'

olis-Royces and Porsches parked outside the Methodist church wilmslow, Cheshire, have so embarthet they have resorted the wheel clamps. In future anyone using the church car park without permission, blocking access to funerals and other vital business, will be able to drive away only after paying £25 to be unclamped. Unless, of course, they care to join the church.

espite the acres of newsprint devoted to his alleged chicanery while chairman of Guinness, Deadly Ernest Saunders maintains remarkably cordial relations with the press covering his trial at Southwark Crown Court. Indeed he has taken to awarding a prize for what he considers the best coverage of the day. His first winner was The Sport (not a journal in much danger of being mistaken for the Financial Times), which wrapped up the day's riveting hearing in two tiny para-graphs at the bottom of page two. The page one headline meanwhile shouted: "Three-

On the southern side of the River Thames, between the bridges at Blackfriars and Southwark, you will find Zoar Street. I will amend Blackfriars Bridge, turn left and left again, and you discover an enclave of thoroughfares among which the London A-Z street guide and gazetteer promises Zoar Street - the penultimate entry, with only Zoffany Street in Archway, N19, before you reach the end of the index. Sumner Street is the main drag; off it snake Holland and Hopton, Castle and Canvey, also Bear Lane, where i asked a workman for Zoar Street's whereabouts. Spell it, he said. I spelt it. "With a Z?" I said yes. He had not heard of it never come across a street starting with a Z.

Some time after that, in Great Guildford Street, I inquired of a

## Please complete our birth certificate

t may be difficult for Britons to understand the depth of feeling behind Australia's request to hold permanently one of the two vellum copies of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act of 1900 – a request which now has the backing of a private member's Bill introduced into the Com-

mons by Labour MP Alf Morris. Constitutionally speaking, Australia is a young country, yet it is fast developing a sense of history. As we look back to affirm our origins as a nation, we cannot go past this Act, which is the sole repository of the constitutional provisions which determine the shape of Australian government and which our people regard as the embodiment of Australian nationhood. For Australians, our written constitution is not a dry and

dusty piece of paper, but a living document which continues to have a direct and immediate impact on a vast range of our country's affairs From Britain's point of view, it symbolizes the history, heritage and traditions shared by Australia and Britain,

The values of individual lib-erty that we uphold, the democratic freedoms that we champion, the social justice that we enjoy, the commitment to peace and the rule of law have never been so relevant. We Australians are fortunate to have a constitution which, little changed since its enactment in 1900, embodies all these ideals.

The interest in it among ordinary Australians is evident. Since our bicentennial in 1988, when the copy of the Act that we seek was lent for display in Australia, some two million visitors have seen it in the new Parliament House in Canberra. If we are granted permanent ossession of this document, it

would most likely have pride of place in the museum of political history planned for the old Partiament House building in the national capital. A unique aspect of our constitution is its thoroughly Australian character. It was endorsed at the time by a majority of Australians and by each of our

parliaments and governments,

and has been amended only by a unique Australian process involving a popular vote.

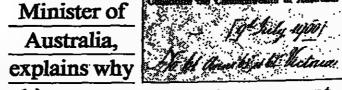
It was appropriate that Alf
Morris should introduce his Bill on February 12, for this coincided with the centenary of the Australasian federation conference held in Melbourne from

February 6 to 14, 1890. This

conference, which brought to-

Bob Hawke,

the Prime Minister of



his countrymen want permanent

possession of a document that would round off their nationhood

gether the six Australian colonies, agreed the steps which eventually led to federation. It passed a resolution in favour of their "early union".

For Australia, progress towards independence was evolutionary, not revolutionary. At the time of the passage of our constitution, full independence from Britain was a prospect well in the future. The constitution set us on a path of peaceful and ungrudging disengagement from the protection of our British founders, and led to the irresistible emergence of an indepen-

dent and self-reliant Australia. In June last year, while visiting Britain, I met the Anzac group of MPs and peers and tried to convey to them the meaning and significance to Australia of

the Parliament at Westminster. It was from there that the 1787 speech from the throne announced the intention of the Pitt administration to form the First Settlement of Australia. The same Parliament also authorized the first expenditures on the infant colony of New South Wales, And it was at Westminster - on July 9, 1900 - that the Act which gave birth to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia was passed, establishing the basic institutions of parliamentary government and the judiciary in the

new Australian nation. Britain has staked out its future as part of a large and integrated Europe, and we Australians have moved to involve ourselves with the dynamism of Asia and the Pacific. But it would be wrong to conclude that we are therefore drifting apart.

Since our bicentennial celebrations, the relationship between Australia and Britain has been revitalized and modernized. The most remarkable thing about our relationship is not the extent of change but the substance which

No other nation has had so direct and detailed a legislative and constitutional connection with the Parliament at Westminster as Australia. Only in 1986, with the Australia Bill, did Parliament in Canberra vote to terminate any remaining powers for Westminster to make laws affecting us.

Despite considerable changes in the composition of the Australian population since the Second World War, despite the new

society created by communities from very different backgrounds - some with different systems of democracy, some where there is no tradition of democracy at all - the Australian commitment to parliamentary democracy remains as strong as ever. The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act symbolizes and

gives life to that commitment. We have recently ascertained that we hold in Australia a duplicate original of the Royal Proclamation, signed by Queen Victoria, which brought the Act into force on January 1, 1901. This is in addition to our duplicate original of the Commission of Royal Assent to the Act, also signed by Queen Vic-toria. Obtaining the copy of the Act which we now seek would complete the trinity of documents which, taken together, represents the birth certificate of

When the constitution was enacted, Australians became one people. It would be fitting if by 2001 - Australia's centenary of federation, the first major celebration of our constitutional nationhood - the Act had a permanent home in Australia to serve as the focal point for the

Bernard Levin takes evasive action at the very mention of a prehistoric fossil

Crawlies that give me the creeps

palaeontologist by trade, has discova fossilized ered scorpion's head, which he claims is 340 million years old. Well, it could be 680 million for all I care. But he added that the head was two feet wide, from which he deduced that the whole thing would have been 10 ft long.

I have to say, with the very greatest emphasis, that I do not wish to know that, I am one of those unfortunate people who suffer from a phobia; my particular terror is of all varieties of creepy-crawly, though the disorder is at its most intense when the eight-legged kind comes scuttling towards me. And when I learn that in the Carboniferous era, scorpions more than three yards long abounded, I tend to get into bed and pull all the bedclothes over my head, though not before pushing the chest of drawers against the door and making sure that the cyanide pill

Moreover, this is not the first time Mr Wood, may he be found as a fossil 340 million years hence, has caused me to climb half way up the chimney and stay there. He is greatly given to the practice of finding horrors from bygone ages and describing them in a manner well calculated to turn my sleep to screaming nightmare. He seems to find most of his beasties at East Kirkton, in Scotland, and so far, in addition to the loft stinging Thing, he has produced giant millipedes (as any insectophobe

n Sunday Mrs Thatcher made a speech covering a

On Monday morning the news-

papers focused almost exclusively on that part dealing with

German unification. The mess-

age the reports conveyed, di-

rectly or indirectly, was clear:

Mrs Thatcher is suspicious of the

She accepts that German unity

is inevitable, but says it must not

become "a new source of in-stability" and must respect the

rights of the four wartime allied

powers and the commitments to

existing European borders. Ger-

many must remain part of Nato,

with American and other foreign

troops stationed there, and it would be reasonable for some

Soviet troops to remain in East

Germany. The whole business of

unification needs to be "thought

through". Given that Mrs

Thatcher was addressing the

Board of Deputies of British

Jews, her unease seemed to carry

gave the story great prominence,

and they implicitly conveyed the

same message from between the

lines of Mrs Thatcher's speech:

that she wants Nato troops to

remain in Germany not only for

All the quality newspapers

consequences of unification.

number of foreign topics.

will tell you, the more legs the greater the horror), harvestman spiders (whatever they may be, and I fear the worst) and millions of the scorpions.

Then it gets worse, It seems that the received helief about the Carboniferous period has hitherto been that it was ruled by the giant amphibians, who spent their time snoozing from morn-ing to night in the Carboniferous warmth. But no, says Wood; the giant scorpions would have done them in in no time: "Amphibians", he insists, "couldn't afford to lie about sunning themselves with these carnivores scurrying around." I suppose not; just listen to Wood as he warms to

They would capture their prey and drag it under cover. Then they injected their digestive juices into their prey, and waited until it had become a soup. Then they sucked it up.

Well, it takes all sorts... There really is a man who thinks 10ft scorpions, together with millipedes that would stretch from here to right over there, and boasting about his finds boasting, I may say, to such good purpose that his fellow palaeontologists have taken to calling him "Stan" and agreeing with him that at East Kirkton at least, the scorpions once ruled the earth. There is some argument about whether his friends were aquatic giant scorpious or terrestrial giant scorpions, but I refuse to take sides; the horrible things might have been flying giant would bring me.

Do you remember a film called Them? The things of the title were a family of giant ants, at least as big as Sian's scorpiona, and the female of the species, towards the end of the film, was gravid with millions upon mil-lions of itty-bitty ants, all of which, when they were born, were going to grow up as giant ones, which in a few ant generations would have overrun the entire earth. (I suppose the giant scorpions might have been in-duced to deal with them, but I wouldn't have bet on it.) Just in time, the hero shot the monster. and the ant larvae perished in their mother's womb.

It will not surprise you to learn that I did not go to see that film: all I know of it was from reading the reviews, and that was quite bad enough. (I did look at the pictures outside the cinema where it was showing, but I did not do so twice.) I took comfort, so far away, indeed, that it came from my schooldays. The giant ants in the film had, of course, the same shape and proportions as real ones. But I remembered, or I thought I did, that if the length and breadth of a solid object are multiplied by x, its mass is thereby multiplied by x squared (Or is it cubed?) The giant ants, therefore, could not have existed. Score one for peace

That, though, was fiction; according to Stan, Stan, the scorpion man, his 10st stingers were



as real as - well, as his giant millipedes. (The scorpions were, so to speak, made to measure, so the reassurance from the mathematical formula did not apply to them.) And remember that I have not even started to discuss because I fear that if I did so, I

thing was five yards across when there would be nothing for it but a spoonful of honey to help

the cyanide pill go down. The Thing doesn't have to be a prehistoric one. Staying in the country, always a dangerous custom for the arachnophobe, not long ago, I found One of would find Stan insisting that the Them in my bathroom; it was

sbout the size of a fully-grown octopus, and I flew down the stairs gibbering, in the hope of finding someone still about other than Stan, of course - to take an interest in my plight Fortunately, my hostess had not gone to bed, and the brave girl picked it up with a tissue and sent it on its way. (The real phobic, like me, screams as loudly at seeing some normal person dealing with the enemy as he would if he met it alone.)

suppose we can argue that we are still top creature; we are here, after all, and where are the giant scorpions, the mile-long millipedes, even the basking amphibians which the scorpions turned into soup and then so borridly slurped up? Order after order of almost incredible creatures once ruled the earth, and went their way, none knows whither (well, apart from the ones that fetched up at East Kirkton. But why are we so sure that the same fate is not lurking somewhere to account for us? After all, the number of theories purporting to explain why and how the dinosaurs died out are as numerous as the stars

above us. The truth of the matter is thatthe universe, whoever is in charge of it, moves in a mysterious way its wonders to perform, But I do feel that it need not have paused in its performance to create 10ft scorpions and simisay nothing of the giant harvestman spider, or for that matter the common or garden one,

Tegenaria domestica. I forgot to say that Stan's other discoveries have included the remotest ancestors of frogs. I have no fear of frogs; indeed I rather like the little fellows. But I recognize that one man's smile is another man's cold sweat, and I's send greetings and sympathy to all the batrachophobics who are: reading this. Mind you, frogs cat spiders. But who will serve up Stan as soup for his scorpions?

Ronald Butt urges a more positive approach to German unity

## Victims of a new prejudice

still great armaments, but for fear of the Germans.

For some time the German press and politicians have been deeply dismayed by and angry at Mrs Thatcher's negative attitude towards the unity of their nation. What they read in the British press this week has inevitably

intensified those feelings.
It is true that Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, has since stated in Die Well "without reserve" that Britain now gives full support to unification, its worries having been assuaged by the Ottawa agreement that the issue will be approached in consultation with the four powers. But even Mr Hurd gave as his reason for keeping Nato troops in Germany "as a permanent feature of European security" the need to "avoid the mistakes of the 1920s". It is difficult to see how that can be taken other than as a reference to Germany and it may imply that disgust from the kind of bile peace requires a permanent army of occupation.

The full text of Mrs Thatcher's speech does, it is true, have sentences which soften the apparently brusque analysis. She acknowledges that the Western allies have always supported unification and that Chancellor Kohl and Herr Genscher, the Foreign Minister, both recognize the need to take account of all

other interests concerned.
But well-informed and responsible political journalists throughout the British press interpreted Mrs Thatcher's words as they did in the light of what they already knew of her attitude from briefings and conversations with politicians and officials over recent months.

The Government does not, of course, share the insensate anti-Germanism that has recently surfaced in parts of the tabloid press. Ministers must turn with

displayed in a two-page spread in The Star after Mrs Thatcher's weekend speech; it spoke of "the old Teutonic lust", asked whether "the Master Race" will be reborn, gave pictures of Hitler's goose-stepping troops and showed pictures of young Nazis in Leipzig, which have as much relevance to the present situation in Germany as pictures of young National Fronters have here. It commented: "Lest we

forget, Hitler was a democra-

tically elected leader," which is

essentially inaccurate. But the negative attitude of Mrs Thatcher's government is well on the way to turning a tried friend into a suspicious, anxious and perhaps inward-looking country. It is putting at risk the friendship established between cople in the two countries. It people in the two countries. It fails to give due weight to the political realities, including the obsessional concern of the Ger-

first half of this century should not happen again, and their dedication to democracy. Worst, the Government's present stance is counter-productive.

The impetus towards unification has come not from the leaders, but from the people in East Germany in search of liberty. In many minor ways, unification is already happening, and it will bring great strains to the prosperous West Germans as they accept their obligations to their fellow-countrymen.

We need Germany in Nato for the safety of the West, but by its attitude, which is fully reported in Germany, the British government is encouraging German neutralism and damaging its best German friends. Chancellor Kohl faces a dangerous challenge from the Social Democrats, whose position will be strengthened by unification. This carries a risk of neutralism which could

balance of power in Europe. We should embrace German: unity as a demonstration of the self-determination of a people. who have given great things to. civilization. We should give up our obsession with the particular horrors of Hitler's 12-year rule, which pretends that it represen-

really damage the precarious

ted something peculiarly Ger-3 man, and ignores the reality: that in the worst atrocities there was no lack of willing executants among people of other nations. We should look at German history (and French and British) over the century, and regain our We are in danger of a new kind of licensed racism. Things can be; said of the Germans which if

said of any other people would be stigmatized as racist. We must put a stop to it, and ministers should give a lead by words of welcome instead of warning. We should make it clear that the case for Nato: troops in Germany is for the purposes of the long-tried alliance, not as an army of occupa-tion among a free people. The Government should change its tone. Does it think that nobody's in Germany is listening — or that Germans have no sensitivity?

### A road that fails to register

trawling taxi; the driver said, "You've just passed it." I thanked him and went back. It is there. Vehicle Licensing Office, where they examine cars prior to permitting you to transfer number plates from one to another.

Some 30 years ago, before there was a trade in cherished numberplates, I telephoned a nice man at what was then the London County Council and asked whether he had an engaging registration available for a car I was giving my wife for Christmas. He offered me UUU 3. As there was at that time much talk about being U and non-U, I thought

triple U would be firm and said thank you. Any time, he said. Since acquiring it, UUU3 has

adorned a Mini and a Fiat, an Allegro and three Renault 5s. Now it is about to be transferred to a newish Peugeot 205.

This exercise costs £80, which

sum I had sent to the DVLC in Swansea with a completed form. As there appear to be opportunities for substantial villainy when putting one car's numberplate on to another, the Department of Transport insists on examining the donor vehicle hence my appointment in Zoar Street between 10 and 11 am on Tuesday. It was 10.45 by the time



CLEMENT FREUD

I found the place, parked behind PAU 1, went up some stairs and stood at a counter. "Are you UUU3?" asked a woman, the way waiters ask "Are

you the prawn cocktail?" I filled in another form. The first line was "Address", such as the Reverend, Dr. Mr., Mrs, Ms or Miss. I wondered idly who has GOD! and whether it is more valuable than 1GOD. When we had completed the form, she said "Reg will come down and check your car, he won't be long." He

was not long. We went into the street and he asked me to open the bounct. On my own car, there's a bonnet lock to the right of and below the steering-wheel. Not on a Renault 5 there is not. I tried to find the opening device inside the car. Reg had a go from the outside. We

toiled for some time before I found the catch near where a front passenger would put his left ankle; it clicked. Reg tried to open the cover from the front; it opens the other way, so that you can see the engine from the driver's seat. He scratched away some dirt and examined a metal plate welded to the cylinder block, bearing a

longish number. "We don't like numbers on plates welded to cylinder blocks," said Reg. "We prefer them punched into the block itself." There was not a lot one could say to that. He looked at me for signs of peculation. I was wearing my best blue suit, white shirt, Lord's

Taverners tie and was about to tell him that Cecil Parkinson had sent me a birthday present when he said, "Okay then." We closed the bonnet.

They need a few more documents such as a road-tax fund disc and certificate of insurance for the newish Peugeot before it can become UUU3 and the Renault is awarded some spare number-plate whereby everyone will know its age.

Reg said they needed to keep the tax disc for the Renault, but if I was stopped for driving without one, I should refer the police to the Cherished Number-Plate people at the Department of Transport's Vehicle Licensing Of-

fice, I Zoar Street, SE1.
"With a Z," I said. "Just behind." Southwark Bridge, sort of off Sumner Street. He nodded. I only hope they find it.

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hearing, an application may, regrettably, have to be made for a

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sorry tale of the collapse, due to

the police being unable to provide a statement from the loser, of the

case against two men accused of

stealing a credit card. This, it was

a statement from the credit card

CPS asked the police to provide evidence either from the loser or

from the credit card company, and

that the police agreed to do this.

However, at the time of the

It is right that the CPS, a

publicly-accountable body, should

be held up to public scrutiny. It is

equally important, however, that

criticism should be fair and bal-

Portland House, Stage Place, SW1.

From the Chief Crown Prosecutor,

Essex Area Sir, Concern has been expressed

about the current cost of the CPS.

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It is acknowledged that Essex

has the highest proportion of

serious crime in its case load, yet,

nevertheless, the average unit cost for disposal of a case in the magistrates court is £46; for a case

dealt with upon indictment before

a jury in the crown court the figure

expenditure also covers the amount paid to witnesses and

counsel, the public may feel this is

Gaulle's prophetic words, "from

the Channel to the Urals" - not be

When, in the ripeness of time,

this enlarged European Commu-nity will happen (and with the

fluidity of present events it is not

too sanguine to anticipate that necessary combination of good

will and common sense from all

quarters which could hasten the

development), a federated Germany, along with all the other

semi-autonomous regions, would embrace the collective obligations

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not unreasonable. Yours faithfully, JOHN GOODWIN,

Essex Area,

Chief Crown Prosecutor,

88 New London Road.

Chelmsford, Essex.

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Yours faithfully.

February 20.

B. T. McARDLE,

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### **GODFATHERS IN BONN**

Never in 17 years as leader of the West German Christian Democrats has Herr Helmut Kohl basked in such adulation as he received on Tuesday from 150,000 East German compatriots in the city of Erfurt. Less than a month remains till East Germany's first, and almost certainly last, free election as an independent state. Chancellor Kohl's appearance at the hustings will have bucked his supporters, who know that he is their greatest

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No less turnultuous was the reception given to the 76-year-old Herr Willy Brandt in Gotha. The former Mayor of West Berlin, Chancellor and architect of Ostpolitik has enjoyed a remarkable renaissance in the past few months, as an uncertain nation turns to this grand old survivor of the last great German crisis three decades ago. If, after nearly a decade in opposition, the Social Democrats return to power this year - first in East Germany, then next December in West Germany too - they will have Herr Brandt to thank. He and Herr Kohl are giving the East German election an almost presidential

Indeed, the voters appear to want West German politicians with no less eagerness than they covet West German living standards. Electoral defeat, if not extinction, faces the two parties which have dominated East German politics since Herr Erich Honecker's fall: the purged and renamed communists, or Party of Democratic Socialism, and New Forum. Both lack powerful godfathers in Bonn. Both were among the last to throw their weight behind German unification — a word increasingly heard on all sides in preference to reunification, held by some to imply a return to the German borders of 1937.

It is a specious distinction. It glosses over the fact that both communists and Social Democrats, though once firm advocates of the neutral reunited Germany for which they campaigned 40 years ago, had until last November vehemently dismissed any active

desire to abolish East German independence as "revanchism" or, in Herr Brandt's words of only a year ago, as "living a lie". The communists are condemned by their own crimes, for which nobody has yet been called to account before a court of law; but the SPD's inconsistent record ought to have been a formidable weapon in the hands of East German conservatives.

That this has not happened is due not only to their own errors, but to more serious ones made in Bonn, it has taken the non-socialists in East Germany too long to agree on a common platform, but it took the West German Christian Democrats too long to decide which horses to back. They have even now failed to use their political muscle to ensure that the German Social Union and Democratic Awakening, which are campaigning alongside the former communist stooges of the East German Christian Democrats as the Alliance for Germany, will be permitted to have their names printed together on the ballot paper: an important consideration under the system of multi-choice proportional representation which East Berlin is borrowing from

By bringing the polling day forward last month from May to March, Herr Hans Modrow - in perhaps his final significant act made it more likely that an electorate as yet unschooled in the niceties of democratic politics would allow itself to be guided into the familiar harbour of the Social Democrats. When he told Herr Modrow in Bonn recently that even vaster subsidies for the East German economy would have to wait until after the election, Chancellor Kohl was not, as one mischievous commentator suggested, giving the East German Prime Minister the same humiliating treatment which the Austrian Chancellor Schuschnigg received from Hitler on the eve of the Anschluss. Herr Kohl is fighting an election campaign, and he is not obliged to dispense largess to his opponents.

#### **CHANCELLOR IN PURDAH**

With the Budget now less than four weeks away the Chancellor, Mr John Major, has most of the economic information which will be available to him. The picture is moderately encouraging, but it does nothing to detract from the need for a cautious Budget.

Growth has turned out to be closer to the Treasury's forecast than some other aspects of the economy. First estimates released yesterday suggest a figure of 2.4 per cent for 1989 as a whole compared with a forecast in the Budget red book of 2½ per cent.

But the environment in which this growth has been achieved has been much more inflationary than expected. Inflation in the final quarter of last year averaged 7.6 per cent compared with a forecast of 5.5 per cent, despite two further increases in interest rates last year. Even setting aside the effect on the published retail price index of the latest increases in mortgage rates, the underlying rate

of inflation remains uncomfortably buoyant. Recent trends in bank credit and the money supply have been rather better. After the big surge in bank lending in December, advances in January duly fell back, suggesting an underlying downward trend. Borrowing by consumers has been particularly weak, indicating that the high interest rate strategy put in place by the former Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, is at length working. Growth in the narrow measure of the money supply has also fallen, though it remains above the Govern-

ment's target. Latest news on the fiscal side shows the Budget surplus shrinking rapidly. To some extent this reflects one-off factors applicable only to the current year such as a shortfall on privatization proceeds, factors whose absence next year will tend to boost the surplus again. But it also reflects lower growth in the

economy and reduced buoyancy in revenue. Faced with these varying signals Mr Major should play for safety. He has already made it

clear that interest rates are going to stay high for some time. A firm monetary policy needs to be buttressed by a firm fiscal policy, which in present circumstances probably means no net tax cuts. Given the uncertainties of forecasting the Budget surplus, the precise size of the public sector debt repayment next year is probably less important than the size and direction of the discretionary tax changes which the Chancellor makes.

A firm fiscal policy should not be seen simply as a way of bringing down interest rates from their present unpopular levels as quickly as possible. If markets were to receive that message the pound would quickly fall and a key part of the anti-inflationary discipline would be removed. Companies need to know that they will not be relieved of cost pressures by a further fall in sterling.

Mr Major has so far been either wise or lucky in his exchange rate policy. He elected to treat the fall in sterling after Mr Lawson's resignation as market turbulence and refused to put up interest rates again. Yesterday, for the first time since his appointment as Chancellor, the pound closed above the level it was at when he arrived. But he cannot rely on sterling's recovery continuing. The next move in interest rates in both Japan and Germany is expected to be upwards, which will erode the present differential in Britain's favour. Markets need to believe that interest rates will stay high for some time to help establish Mr Major's credentials as an inflation fighter.

Apart from the economic arguments, the political cycle also points in favour of a tight Budget. The risks are assymetical. If he is too lax, then he may have to tighten further in an election year. If he over-tightens, then he has the option of loosening a little at a politically convenient moment. Either way, the package to be announced on March 20 will be an important influence on the result of the next

#### **ROLLING ENGLISH ROADS?**

For the Government to drive a road through a cherished beauty spot as part of a programme supposed to show care for our environment is at the least unfortunate. For it to do so several times sounds like bureaucratic carelessness. To that extent this week's Ministry of Transport report on trunk roads has exposed itself to justifiable criticism.

In general the roads programme should be welcomed. The number of vehicles in Britain has risen by five million in the last decade to 23 million. A further rise of 142 per cent is expected by the year 2025. The prospect is a daunting one, and its impact on the environment could be profound.

Not only does it suggest more noise and ugliness but it also has serious global implications. In Britain, a fifth of all carbon dioxide emitted comes from cars. This is a problem which raises questions for the Government. The main one is how far it should regard the accelerating rise in road traffic as inevitable. Would it not be far more sensible in the long term for it to concentrate on improving public transport, thus curbing the growth in private vehicles?

Statistics seem to indicate that this argument is fallacious. A 50 per cent increase in traffic on the railways might remove only 5 per cent of it from the roads. Moreover some 65 per cent of all truck journeys are of less than 50 miles, which makes rail transport for them impractical. These well-worn figures should not be an argument for inaction, however. More investment in public transport is badly needed as part of a co-ordinated transport strategy. It is not a case of "either or". We need to spend

money on roads as well as rail. There is also a limit to how far motorists can be discouraged. The case for trying to do so in town centres is a strong one. London's traffic congestion in particular cannot simply be solved by building better roads. Some way must be found of controlling the private car.

However much one may wish it otherwise, a steady growth in traffic on our motorways and trunk roads now looks inevitable and must, in consequence, be planned for. The tendency of previous Whitehall forecasts to understimate the rate of increase has only aggravated the present problem. With 1992 just around the corner and the prospect of sharper competition, the country would ignore it at its peril.

With this in mind there is much in the Government programme to be welcomed. It does not address the air pollution question, but that will require international action. The report does at least offer some investment in landscaping. Moreover much of the emphasis is on the widening of present highways rather than on the creation of new ones. There is an attractive logic behind this policy. It is considerably less expensive and it is obviously

Those road widening schemes first outlined in the 1989 White Paper Roads to Prosperity should be completed in much less time than the 15 years taken to construct a major motorway. Still more persuasively, they should do less damage to the environment, confining the despoliation of the countryside to those areas which have already been badly scarred.

To sanction new roads across such parts of rural England as Twyford Down, however, or within sight of the white cliffs of Dover, is to invite deserved criticism. If we have to live increasingly with the motor car or, still worse, the juggernaut, we must use every means of containing the discomfort.

Roads are welcomed by those who use them when they use them. For those who seek easy access to the countryside their image may be tinged with green. When they destroy that countryside, however, the Government should stop and think again. Alternatives to such schemes may cost more, but in the long term the price is well worth paying.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mrs Rosalind Wright

Sir, Whilst you are perfectly

entitled to draw attention (leading

article, February 20) to the alleged deficiencies and shortcomings of

the Crown Prosecution Service,

what are needed are some con-

structive suggestions to support

the effort the present director, Allan Green, QC, is putting in to improve its efficiency and effec-

The creation of the CPS had the

immediate effect of turning a

small, specialist, elite prosecuting

unit, the department of the Director of Public Prosecutions,

employing some 60 lawyers and 150 non-legal support staff, into the headquarters of an enormous

Civil Service machine with, like

Marks and Spencer, "branches

Again, like Marks and Spencer.

managers have had to be put in to

run the branches, the regional headquarters, and head office.

Unlike Marks and Spencer, how-

ever, the managers who were

employed were not specially re-

cruited, trained, and experienced

for the managerial duties assigned

to them; they are senior lawyers,

experienced prosecutors, who were diverted from their resp-

onsibilities as lawyers and given

such tasks as recruiting staff,

ordering office furniture, putting

in information-technology sys-tems, managing budgets, and fill-

ing in dreaded returns to head

office as "performance indicators".

to accomplish - put the senior

lawyers back in the role for which

they were trained and for which

they applied to join the CPS in the

first place. Fill the administrative

jobs with experienced, non-legally trained administrators with which

The lawyers will regain the job

satisfaction they have sadly lost; promotion prospects for lawyers

will not mean loss of "hands-on"

involvement in the casework and,

most important, the work of the

junior prosecutors will be actively supervised and supported.

From the Chief Crown Prosecutor,

Sir, Your account (report. Feb-

ruary 19) of the confusion, missing

files, and missing witnesses at Camberwell Green Magistrates

Court does less than justice to

Miss Saw and numerous col-

to pick up the threads of cases adjourned from other hearings

"because of missing files or miss-ing witnesses". Miss Saw was

appearing in Court 1, which deals

Sir, Mr Tebbit (article, February

20) is certainly right to compare the imminent unification of Ger-

many with the continuing unifica-

tion of the European Community.

But I am puzzled by his use of the

emotive word "annexation" to

In each case, in the European Community as in Germany, uni-

fication will come about, is com-

ing about, exclusively through

freely-negotiated agreements en-

tered into by democratic govern-

Mr Tebbit may disapprove of these agreements, but to describe

them as annexations has no more

justification than to describe Mr

Tebbit himself as the tyrant of

From Sir Yehudi Menuhin, OM

Sir, I pray that in the present deliberations on a united Germa-

ny's loyalties and allegiances we

will not find ourselves debating two equally unrealistic alter-natives - viz., Nato versus neu-

trality - while, in fact, an

independent, strong Germany is

Germany belongs to a European

Community and the united Germanies together should belong to a united joint East and West-

European Community - an alli-

Nato smacks too much of former

discredited camp coalitions and

pacts, political solutions which

To covet East Germany for

BRENDAN DONNELLY

Chingford.

Yours sincerely

Europe Group),

February 20.

(Secretary, Positive

61 Leopold Road, N2.

deciding for herself.

ance yet to be achieved.

describe both processes.

**Future of Europe** 

From Mr Brendan Donnelly

It is alleged that Miss Saw had

Yours faithfully, ROSALIND WRIGHT.

Inner London Area

leagues like ber.

17 Rowdon Avenue, NW10.

the Civil Service abounds.

The remedy is obvious and easy

everywhere".

#### Cemeteries sale issue still unclear

From Professor Malcolm Grant Sir, You report (February 20) that Westminster still owns the three cemeteries that it thought it had sold, and that the Audit Com-mission has confirmed that this follows clearly from the judgement (sic) of the district auditor that the sale was "contrary to law". That conclusion may be a little premature.

Even if a disposal by a local authority is unlawful, purchasers enjoy statutory protection under the Local Government Act 1972, section 128. There is no obligation on a purchaser to investigate whether the authority has complied with the statutory requirements relating to disposal, or whether consent has been obtained to disposal at less than the best consideration that could reasonably be obtained. It has yet to be established whether that protection applies in this case.

Further, the cemeteries have since changed hands. The present owners have guaranteed title under the Land Registration Act 1925. They will continue to be the registered proprietors unless and until an application is successfully made to have the register rectified against them. Again, there is statutory protection for propri-etors in possession, and the making of such an order is by no means automatic.

Neither of these issues is within the jurisdiction of the district auditor or the Audit Commission. Yours faithfully, MALCOLM GRANT,

University College London, Faculty of Laws, Bentham House, 4-8 Endsleigh Gardens, WCI. February 20.

#### **Scouts and Guides**

From Mr Marcus Locke Sir, Dr Paterson-Brown (February

17) states that the Girl Guides Association will remain a single sex organisation. I would like to point out that there are some men who help out at Brownie and Guide meetings and hold unit helper cards issued by the Girl Guides Association. This would seem to indicate they are members of the association.

I became "pack leader" (and was awarded the Girl Guides Association's pack leader's stripes) to our local Brownie pack because at the time the Guide district could not offer the Brownie guider a Guide to help. Doing this I passed my service section of one of my Scout awards.

I am now chairman of a mixed Venture Scout unit and still help out at the Brownie meetings, although I am no longer pack leader. My sister, who is a Guide, has taken over the role. Together with my father, a unit beiner, we provide protection for the Brownies against unwanted intruders.

I hesitate to suggest this, but can the Guide movement exist without the Scouts? Yours in Scouting

MARCUS LOCKE Corinium, 75 Londesborough Road, Southesa, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

February 17.

#### Cinéma du Paradis

From Mr Richard Chatten Sir, Jacek Klinowski (February 19) is correct in identifying the actor who played the dwarf in La Kermesse Heroique (1935) as Delphin, but mistaken in tentatively attributing to him a further appearance in Les VIsiteurs du Soir (1942).

Sadly, he was by then already dead, having committed suicide in 1938 by gassing himself in his-Paris apartment. His only other film appearance had been as the headmaster in Jean Vigo's Zero de Yours sincerely, RICHARD CHATTEN, 87 Hargrave Park,

Archway, N19. February 19.

#### Spotted frogs From Captain M. G.

Rutherford, RN Sir, I heard on the radio this morning that there is worldwide concern about the decrease in the frog population. I am happy to report that my two-square metre pond here is positively over-

created, three times since 1870, populated. the climate for German aggression I counted 36 surfaced frogs and war. To suggest that a great European power should be neu-tral, especially when the eastern and western parts already adhere yesterday, although as a submariner I am certain that an equal number had "gone deep". These, of course, were undetectable. to two different consignments, is Yours faithfully, MALCOLM RUTHERFORD, Might, therefore, a suspension of a united Germany's military

The Captain's House. HMS Collingwood, Fareham, Hampshire. February 19.

#### Charity grants

From the Chairman of the London Boroughs Association

Sir, Although the London Boroughs Association recognises that the charity grants scheme (report, later editions, February 12) provides a worthwhile service and must continue, it objects to the way in which it is funded.

Under the present system, London's 33 local authorities pay a total of some £30 million a year into the scheme, which redistributes it to worthwhile organisations within the capital. But what each authority pays is based solely on its population, with no regard at all for the benefits enjoyed by its micrayers.

This has led to Havering, for instance, paying more than £1 million into the scheme this year, with only £38,000 coming back in grants to groups based in the borough. Similarly, Hillingdon's ratepayers contributed almost £1 million, but are "receiving back" only £72,000.

commitments, until such moment

when political pressures will have

achieved a united Europe - in de

While it is true that many of the organisations funded by the scheme serve several boroughs, and a few are genuinely Londonwide, the current system is grossly unfair to the outer-London boroughs and is in urgent need of

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mony. Yours faithfully, YEHUDI MENUHIN, 4 & 5 Primrose Mews, Regents Park Road, NW1. February 19. From Dr Alan Sked Sir, Your article by Helmut Schmidt and Valery Giscard d'Estaing (February 14) will surely strike British readers as both anachronistic and offensive. Today's Community has simply no need to be managed by a Paris-Bonn axis. It is a Community of 12 states all of which have an equal right to guide its destiny; it is not a Franco-German condomin-

Your readers will also alarmed at the thought of the French and Germans drawing up a new European constitution by themselves. Your authors' references to both Great Britain and the principle of subsidiarity are naturally welcome, but might not your readers suspect that at the end of the day we will simply be "made an offer which we cannot

TERRISE T Yours faithfully. ALAN SKED (Member, Academic Council, Bruges Group), London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, WC2.

My association has presented the Government with densits of an alternative funding system, with detailed costings, which allows for exactly the same amount of cash to be raised from the 33 London authorities. Under the LBA scheme boroughs will pay according to the need within their areas. as measured by the Government's standard spending assessments (SSA). The SSA system means that the poorer, inner-city boroughs receive more Government cash than the authorities with fewer social problems, and is a fairly reliable indicator.

Yours sincerely, P. S. BOWNESS (Chairman), London Boroughs Association 23 Buckingham Gate, SW1.

#### Crown Prosecution Service troubles Scrutiny of sand with guilty pleas and remands and not with trials. If a trial had had to eels in Shetland

From Dr M. S. C. Havard be adjourned because of missing Sir, The letter (February 17) from witnesses it would not then have Martin Heubeck brought attention to the plight of scabirds on Equally, cases are rarely, if ever, Shetland. The strong implication that over-fishing of sand eels has caused the breeding failure of the adjourned because a file, having been submitted to the CPS, is "missing". They are, however, often adjourned for the police to seabird colonies is one that has been made before; however, it is submit to the CPS further evidifficult to prove. dence or a full file for committal to

The fluctuations in sand cel stocks may be entirely natural, or a decline in stocks may be due to increased numbers of herring, as their population recovers from the over-fishing of the late seventies and early eighties. Of course, added fishing pressure cannot help this situation.

To investigate what is really happening with sand eel stocks a joint research project has been set up involving Government agencies and non-governmental con-servation organisations, With said, was a "clear error by the CPS". The judgment on the CPS was that they "failed to realise that finance or practical aid from the Department of the Environment, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland, the Scottish Development Department, the Nature Conservancy Council, the World Wide Fund for Nature-UK, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and Cadbury's pic, this joint venture is collapse of the case the CPS had been provided with neither. a multi-disciplinary, three-year programme to evaluate sea-bird/sand eel interaction.

We hope that before too long more information about the system will allow regulation of the stocks to the advantage of both the birds and the fishing industry. Yours faithfully, MADELEINE HAVARD (Marine conservation officer), World Wide Fund for Nature - United Kingdom. Panda House, Weyside Park, Catteshall Lane, Godalming, Surrey. February 19.

#### Thatcher and PLO

From the Secretary General of the Board of Deputies of British Jews Sir, Your Political Editor's report (February 19) of the Board of Deputies meeting addressed by the Prime Minister on Sunday quotes Mrs Thatcher as having urged Jerusalem to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organisation". In fact she did not anywhere in her speech refer to the

What she did say was "that Israel needs to talk to representatives of the Palestinian people from inside the occupied territories and from outside". This is open to various interpretations, but it would obviously be wrong to assume that it refers to the PLO and the PLO alone.

Your report might have added that Mrs Thatcher also said that proposal for elections in the occupied territories" which would certainly appear to commend the effort of the Israel Government in their quest for a peaceful solution, arrived at by negotiation between Israel and democratically-elected representatives of the Palestinian

Yours faithfully, HAYIM PINNER. Secretary General, The Board of Deputies of British Jews, Woburn House. Tavistock Square, WCI. February 20.

#### Cable franchises

From the Director General of the Cable Authority
Sir, I hope that Viscount Torrington's letter (February 16) about control of cable networks will

evoke some response in the City. This authority has devoted much effort to encouraging the financial community here to consider investment in cable. We can pretend to very little success. It is seen as an investment which is too long term and whose prospects are too uncertain. Neither I nor anyone else can guarantee an investor a return on his capital.

But plenty of others are prepared to step in where the City fears to tread. The authority has received 120 applications for cable franchises in the last six months. In the same period 10 new broadband cable systems have started construction in different parts of the United Kingdom. Every single one of them has done so with North American finance.

This comparison of attitudes to investment seems to be not only to the disadvantage of the United Kingdom but to our discredit. Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVEY Director General Cable Authority, Gillingham House 38-44 Gillingham Street, SW1. February 19.

#### Doubtful indemnity From Mr Raymond Durrant

Sir, I have received an entirely unsolicited invitation from the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham to apply for community charge "poll tax" benefit on behalf of myself and my partner. A partner is defined as "a husband or wife or someone you live with as if you were married to them"!

My enthusiasm to take the matter further was greatly diminished after I had studied the application form which required me to answer nearly 200 questions spread over nine pages of a 12page document.
Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND DURRANT, 11 Lena Gardens, W6.

February 19,

FRITZ FELLER

Designing Rolls-Royce cars with looks to last

of British industry. But his sisted that the switch should

Indeed his early work was on line and natural enthusiasm

However, in 1952 he moved Motor Car Styling Depart-from Derby to the company's ment, based at the Crewe

interest in those days was the be on a temporary basis. But the 'average' or 'the mean.'

his flair for the eye-catching

for his new job soon per-

snaded them to confirm the

appointment, in control of the

factory. He remained in the

co-operate with Pininfarina.

the Italian styling house, in the

design of the Rolls-Royce

Camargue. When introduced

in 1975, the car featured many

of his ideas. From the outset,

Feller's acknowledged aims as a stylist were to design cars

with distinction, yet not af-

fected by temporary fashions

which volume producers find

And when his own concept,

the Silver Spirit, appeared in 1980 he said: "Nothing in this

British troops from the Suez

Canal Zone, seeing Churchill

frequently but failing to over-

come his hostility to the

In 1956, when Counsellor at

the Brussels Embassy,

necessary.

**BASIL BOOTHBY** 

An independent and under-appreciated diplomat

His first styling task was to

position until his retirement.

The graceful lines of the Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit: Isanched in 1980, it aimed to combine

design of engines, not cars.

Rolls-Royce aircraft engines

such as the much acclaimed

car operation at Crewe. Here

he attracted attention with his

pioneering work on the design

of a two-stage, Wankel rotary

diesel engine and was awarded

the Thomas Hawksley Gold

Medal in 1970 for a lecture

paper on the project. He also designed the 6750cc V8 petrol

engine which powers the

turn in April 1969, when he

switched from engines to car

styling - a move almost

unheard of in the motor

industry. Indeed it was so

wrote the 13th of the Sonnets

from China, "Far from a

For a short time after the

war he was Consul-General in

Athens, where he met his wife,

cultural centre he was used."

His career took an unus

present range of cars.

Avon gas turbine.

essive engineering and style with the company's traditional character and identity.

"Once we regard dreams as a waste of time magic also dies," said its designer.

**OBITUARIES** 



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 21: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this mornir

ace this morning.

The Right Hon Margaret
Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister
and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty his evening.
The Duke of Edinburgh,

Member of the Gordonstoun Association, this evening attended a reception to launch the Gordonstoun Summer School, at the Caledonian Club,

London.
Brigadier Clive Robertson

KENSINGTON PALACE February 21: The Princess of Wales, President, Royal Marsden Hospital, attended the launch of the Royal Marsden Hospital Appeal at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham

Viscountess Campden was in The Duchess of Kent celebrates her birthday today.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, held a reception for the Silver Jubilee of the Charity in the Kensington Palace State Apartments.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE February 21: The Duke of Kent, Patron of the British Menswear Guild, this afternoon visited the Guid, ins aremoon visited and International Mens and Boyswear Exhibition at Olym-pia, London W14 and later lumbed the new BBC Monitor. ing Service to mark its 50th Anniversary at the BBC World Service, Caversham Park, Reading Berkshire.
Mr Andrew Palmer was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

2000 TU

Fritz Feller, the Austrian

schoolboy who came to Britain as a refusee in 1939

and stayed to style the present range of Rolls-Royce and

Bentley cars, died on February

17, aged 64, after a long illness.

Silver Spirit, was launched in

1980 he said: "I shall have succeeded if late on a winter's

evening, in a dimly lit street,

someone looks out of a win-

dow and catches a glimpse of a

dark, travel-stained Silver Spirit and says 'a Rolls-Royce

Fritz Feller was born in

Vienna on December 24, 1925. His long association

with Rolls-Royce began in 1941 when he joined the company at its Derby head-

quarters as an engineering

apprentice — one of the most

respected and sought after apprenticeships in the whole

Evelyn Basil Boothby, CMG, who has died in London aged 79, was a diplomat more

successful in giving foreigners

a good impression of Britain

From 1933 to 1945 he

served there in various posts,

has just gone by."

When his first creation, the

February 21: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the Antony Brett Building, the new catering complex at St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London ECI. Mrs Peter Afia was

### Memorial service

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Charles Trinder

Jewry-next-Guildhall.
The Rev Basil Watson, Honorary Chaplain of the Ship-wrights' Company, officiated, assisted by the Rev David Burgess who pronounced the

Mr Michael Everard, Prime Warden of the Shipwrights'
Company, read the lesson and
Mr Peter Rigby, Master of the
Fielchers' Company, read from
Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. Commander Sir Robin Gillett paid tribute, Among others present were:



### **Dinners**

Institute of Petroloam Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy, and Sir John Hedley Greenborough were the guests of honour and speakers at the annual dinner of the Institute of Petroleum held last night at Grosvenor House. Sir Archibald Forster, president,

Mr John F. Yaxley, Hong Kong Commissioner in London, accompanied by Mrs Yaxley, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912 Club held yesterday at the Carlton Club by invitation of Mr Christopher J. Grenside, Honorary Treasurer of the 1912 Club, Mr Roger E. Sims, MP, Chairman of the 1912 Club presided and Mr Brian J.W. Hawkins also spoke.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelses gave a dinner last night at the Town Hail. Among those present were: The Denish Ambassador and Mrs. The oraning-reference. Lord Justice and Lady Russell. Sir Malby Crofton. Sir Weller and Lady Russell. Sir Malby Crofton. Sir Weller and Lady Bodmer. Mrs and Mrs Richard Fylls-Waller. Brigander and Mrs Russ Dray. Mr Roper Henderson, CC. and Mrs Mrs Menderson. Miss Mary Woodley. Canon Christopher Colven. December 1988 Harbarn. Committee and Mrs Desmond Harbary and Councillor Mrs Personal Harbary.

night at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was the Rt Hon Lord Jenkins of Hillhead.

Viscount Ridley, President of the Council of Territorial, Auxiliary and Volunteer Re-Auxiliary and Volunteer Re-serve Associations, was host and presided at a farewell dinner held last night at the House of Lords in honour of Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Hudson, who also spoke, Colonel M.S. Lee-Browne, Colonel R.M. Stewart Colonel R.A. Mactaggart, Colonel R.R. Craik, Colonel G.J.L. Coltart and Captain R.C. Barnes. General Sir Roland Guy and Air Chief Marshal Sir John

Service dinners

Yeoman Warders

than in giving his superiors a The annual dinner of the Body of Yeoman Warders was held last night at HM Tower of

Weit;
Pield Marshal Sir Reland Gibs,
General Sir Martin Farndate, Lieunenant-General Sir Deruk Boorman, Serpeon Vice-Admiral Sir Godfrey
Millon-Thompson, Air Marshal Sir
Kenneth Hayr, Lieunenau-General Sir
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Kenneth Jones, Mator-Generals C
Tyler, P Berny, A J Roms, R F L Cook
and P P D Store, the Deputy
Commissioner of the Metropolitan
Police, Colonie I R Cartwright,
Lieunenaut-Coloniel R B Metron, Mr
David Berton and Group Capitain J
Constable.

Mr David Wynne-Morgan pre-sided over the dinner held last

Barraclough were also present.

good impression of himself. Had it been the other way round, he would almost certainly have risen higher than Born on September 9, 1910, he was educated at Winchester and Corpus Christi, Cambridge, where he read history, before joining the Consular-Service in China.

in the United States and India. from being a mandarin in the It was an exciting, eventful

met, among others, the leaders independent, even at times of the future Communist slightly anarchic, spirit.

Mr M.L. Eastlines and Miss D.E. Curry

and Miss D.E. Curty
The engagement is announced
between Max, son of Mr
William Kauffman, of Sydney,
and Diana, cidest

William Kaumman, and Diana, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr

and Mrs T.M. Koessler, of

London, and Catriona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R.H. Chalmers, of Buxted, East

and Miss S.R. Hugh-Jones
The engagement is announced
between Jonathan Mark Round,
only son of Mrs Penelope Lee, of

Bramball, Cheshire, and the late Mr Gerald Round, and Sarah

Rebecca, younger daughter of Dr Kenneth Hugh-Jones and the late Dr Denise Hugh-Jones, of Redbourn, Hertfordshire.

Curry, of Johannesburg,

Mr J.J. Keessier and Miss C.E.J. Chalmers

Mr J.M.Jt. Lee

Dr A.C. Lipp and Dr A.K. Harris

strict sense, having rather

found congenial.

Susan Asquith, a grand-daughter of the Liberal Prime Boothby was driven almost to resignation by the Anglo-In 1946 he transferred to the French invasion of Egypt. Foreign Service, and in the From 1962 to 1965 he was early 1950s was Chargé d'Affaires in Burma, a post that he

Ambassador to Iceland. another post that he enjoyed, partly because it did not Thereafter Boothby's involve too much formality or progress did not match his routine socializing. He talents, and there is little showed advoitness in handling apart from relatively brief doubt why. Though he spoke a protracted fishery dispute. Second World War interludes mandarin Chinese, he was far Desnite his oriental expense.

Despite his oriental experience, his deepest attachment was to Europe. French and time to be in China, and he leftish sympathies and an German were his best languages, and it was appropriate that his last posting was as revolution. He also enter-tained W. H. Auden and his return from Burma, he sentative to the Council of

Christopher Isherwood, and it worked for some months on Europe at Strasbourg was in his house that Auden the treaty for withdrawing While there, he sat the While there, he sat the very difficult French Agrégation exam, passing with credit. (Two other members of his staff sat it at the same time, so he ran the risk of failing while

life is so dull and miserable as

Once we throw away the

concept of excellence and

perfection we take away the

excitement and incentive for

living. Once we regard dreams

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they passed). He was always improving his own mind, and helped others to improve theirs. After his retirement Boothby taught for a time at Morley College, but for longer as a WEA lecturer in the London area. This work gave him great satisfaction and accorded with

his ideals. Though he could be impatient and somewhat abrasive, Basil Boothby was essentially kind and humane, as well as cultivated. He bore with stoicism the afflictions of his last years, including virtual blindness.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter and two sons.

and Miss C.L. Angwin

Braunton, Devon.

Mr M.J. Wainwright and Miss E.A. Williams

The engagement is announced between Brian, second son of

Mr and Mrs Eric Thomson, of Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire, and Carolya, third daughter of Mr and Mrs John Angwin, of

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs H.A. Wainwright, of Caldy, Wirral, and Annie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs T.B. Williams, of Mill Hill London

and Miss C.A. Reyards
The engagement is announced
between Geoffrey, eldest son of
Mr and Mrs Tony Webster, of
Cromer, Norfolk, and Charlotte,

youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Reynolds, of

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Walk, Cheisea, London, and the

late Mrs Wheatcroft, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank

Mrs Simon Reynolds, Crakehall, North Yorkshire.

and Miss S.A.N. Muir

#### LAURA DUCHESS of **MARLBOROUGH**

Colourful and spirited figure in society

Laura Duchess of Mari- cult for me as the years go by." borough, the widow of the 10th Duke, and formerly the wife of the second Viscount Long, and later of the third Earl of Dudley, died peace-fully in her sleep on February 19 at her London flat in Portman Towers, Maryle-bone. She was 74 and had been in ill health for several

A society rebel from her early youth, she was a woman fierce independence of thought and spirit. Controver-sial even in her twenties, her unconventional behaviour frequently shocked people, but no amount of criticism or censure deflected her from her highly individual course in

The granddaughter of the 11th Earl of Wemyss and great-niece of the formidable Margot Asquith, Frances Laura Charteris was born at 26 Catherine Street, West-minster, on August 10, 1915, the second of the four children of the Hon Guy Charteris and his first wife, Frances

"I was born into what is Feller's aim with the new known as the privileged Silver Spirit range was to class," she wrote in later life, produce progressively modern cars that at the same time "I prefer the word 'aristocracy'. It used to mean someembodied the character and thing, and certainly one took one's place in it for granted." The design he introduced in

She was only 10 when her mother died, and thereafter ber childhood was divided between her Wemyss and Tennant grandparents. At 17, she was presented to King George V and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace, made her debut in society, and earned coveted invitations from both Lady Cunard and Lady Colefax.

At the wedding of her elder sister; Ann, to the third Baron O'Neill, she met David, the second Viscount Long. They were married at St Margaret's, Westminster, in 1933, and a daughter, Sara, was born in the following year. But the marriage collapsed almost immediately, and there was a suppressed scandal when Laura left her husband and refused to return. "I was treated rather like a leper", she recalled later, "I had disgraced myself and my family."

She was divorced from Viscount Long in 1942, and in the following year married the widowed third Earl of Dudley whom she had met some years

Her second marriage proved even stormier than her man of unpredictable mood and also a heavy drinker. She left him several times, and when appealed to by the Duke of Windsor to return, wrote back complaining of "the temper and insanity that be-come more tedious and diffiThey were divorced in 1954 and in 1960 she married the man she always considered the love of her life, Michael Canfield, who was believed by the Duke of Windsor to be the natural son of his brother, Prince George, Duke of Kent.

After nine years of supreme happiness together, Canfield died suddenly of a heart attack in 1969. This was followed in 1970 by the death from cancer of her beloved brother, Hugo Charteris, the novelist.

On January 26, 1972, she married the 10th Duke of Mariborough, who was then 74 and had loved her for many years. She remained mistress of Blenheim Palace for only six weeks, however, as the Duke died on March 11. She complained of "the

gloom and inhospitality of Blenheim" after his death. After moving out, she had a nervous breakdown, attemp-ted suicide and woke up in a mental clinic at Ascot.

All this, and much more,



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was told with characteristic frankness, in her autobiography, Laughter from a Cloud (1980). The manuscript so appalled her sister, Ann, formerly Viscountess Rothermere, and later Mrs Ian Fleming, that she begged Lord. Weidenfeld to cancel its publication, but he refused. The estrangement between the sisters had not been healed when Ann died in 1981.

Bryant, conducted a long and romantic correspondence with her and announced their engagement on the Court pages, but the marriage never took place.

garded as indiscreet by some first. Dudley was a quixotic sections of society and lost her a number of close friends. Of her only daughter, the Hon Mrs Sera Morrison, she wrote: "...the chasm that separates us." That, at least, was bridged. Mrs Morrison showed her devoted care dur-

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.E. Lloyd and Miss P.K. Grise

Mr J.W.P. Mayne and Miss A.M. Irving

The engagement is announced between Alexander Edward, son

of Mr and Mrs Roger Hall Lloyd, of Argyll Road, Kensing-ton, and Patricia Karen, daugh-ter of Mr John Grise and Mrs

Theresa Grisé, of Fairfield,

and Miss A.M. Irving
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs A.P. Mayne, of Piddieurenthide, Dorset, and Alison, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs R.E.M. Irving, of Murrayfield, Edinburgh.

and Miss S. Haggins
The engagement is announced between lain, only son of Mr and Mrs F. Pithers, of Marden, Kent, and Shellie Lyune, only daughter of Mrs T. Philpott, of Sandwich, Kent, and Mr R.

The engagement is announced between Miles, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Malcolm Ritchie, of

Huggins.

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#### Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Mountbatten Music Festival at the Albert Hall at 7.15.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend a reception at the Imperial War Museum at 11.30 to mark the third anniversary of the formation of the Friends of the Museum.

The Princess of Wates will visit the London Connection project for young homeless people at 12 Adelaide Street, WC2, at 10.30.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Institute of the Motor Industry, will chair a meeting of vice-presidents at Fanshaws at 11.00; and, as President of the Battersea Home for Dogs, will launch the appeal for the new kennel block at a reception at the Garden Court, Strand, at 6.00.

#### du Pré appeal

The appeal to establish a fund in memory of Dr Jacqueline du Pré, the cellist, has so far raised £720,000 towards its target of

The fund is intended to help young musicians who suffer from degenerative and wasting diseases. It will also be used to finance a music building, including an 250-seat audithose present were: torium, practice rooms and offices, at St Hilda's College, Oxford, where Dr du Pré was an

nonorary fellow.

The next fund-raising event is a musical soirée to be held in the Palace on March 26, During the Palace on March 20. During the recital, which will be attented by the Duchess of Kent, Yo Yo Ma, the cellist, will play a Stradivarius once owned by Dr du Pré.

#### Polytechnic news

Professor Bryan Bridge, head of the department of electrical and electronic engineering, has been made a Fellow of the

Sir Harry Woolf, Baroness Warnock and Ms Sue Campbell have received honorary

#### Marriages

Budgett (née Venney) took place at the Swedish Church, in London, on Saturday, February

The marriage took place on Saturday, February 17, 1990, at St Clement Danes, the Central Church of the Royal Air Force, between Flight Lieutenant

Padstow, Cornwall. The reception was held in the Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, and the honeymoon is being spent in Kenya.

#### Luncheons Rotary Club of London

Mr Alan Dunlop, President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Cafe Royal Mr Peter Topping also spoke.

To Sir Charles Irving Dame Janet Fookes, MP, gave a luncheon yesterday at Claridge's in honour of Sir Charles Irving, MP, following his Investiture at Buckingham Palace. Among

#### Francis Holland School (Graham Terrace)

The biennial Old Girls' Party will be held on the School Birthday, March 1, 1990, from 6-8pm at the school. Any Old Girl who has not received an invitation is asked to get in touch with the school to make Sure the register is accurate. RSVP, Francis Holland School, 39 Graham Terrace, London SW1W 8JF. 01-730 2971.

Lady Caroline Garnell Lady Caroline Garnell gave birth to a son on February 17.

and Miss C.L. Bury
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs
W.M.K. Permain, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Mr W.T.L.
Bonnell, of Collompton, Devon, and Claire, twin daughter of Mr
and Mrs S.T. Bury, of Mr N-A.R. Lindgren and Miss C.A. Budgett The marriage between Mr Nils-Ake Lindgren and Mrs Carole

Mr H.J. Couli and Dr A.M.R. Dougles Flight Lieutenant S.W. Ball and Miss M.D. Holmes The engagement is announced between Hamish Joseph, son of the late Mr D.A. Couli and of Mrs M.P. Couli, of Reading,

Berks, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.S. Douglas, of Alveston, Stratford-Upon-Stephen William Ball, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Ball, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire, and Miss Marianne Denise Holmes, daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs Robin L. Holmes, of Padeton Command Ayon. The engagement is announced between Jean-Pierre, son of Mme Simone Dutheil, of Paris,

and Catherine, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Tom Hall, of Chiselhampton, Oxford. and Miss C.N. Cox

Mr W.A. Bonnell and Miss C.L. Bury

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Jack Evans, of Finchley, London, and Christina, only Stilling Con of Mrs. and Mrs William Cox, of Southampton, Hampshire.

Birthdays today

Sir Roderick Barclay, diplos 81; the Hon James Bethell, racehorse trainer, 38; Mr J.N. Ellis, trades unionist, 51; Mr

Bruce Forsyth, entertainer, 62; Miss Sheila Hancock, actress, 57; Mr Howard Hodgson, chief executive, Hodgson Holdings, 40; Miss Patricia Lancaster,

40; Miss Patricia Lancaster, former headmistress, Wycombe Abbey School, 61; Mr Niki Lauda, racing driver, 41; Sir John Mills, actor, producer and director, 82; Mr Noel Murphy, rugby player, 53; Mr Sean O'Faolain, writer, 90; Mr Tom Okker, tennis player, 46; Mr William Slack, Serjeant Surgeon to The Queen, 65; Mr lan Stark, showjumper, 36; Dame Joan Varley, former Conservative party agent, 70; Miss Julie Walters, actress, 40; Mr S.C. Whitbread, chairman,

Whitbread, chairman Whitbread and Company, 53.

The science report

appears in the science

and technology section, pages 35-38.

chairman.

### The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Dr and Mrs Donald Lipp, of Woodall, Sheffield, and Anna. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Harris, of Branscombe, Devou. and Mrs Marcoun Release, or Langley Lodge, Chippenham, Wiltshire, and Suzy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Lewin, of Beverston Cottage, Tetbury, Gioncestarahire. University news

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### Honorary degrees

Doctor of Laws
The Earl of Airlie, Lord
Chamberlain; Dr Peter Bryan
Garland, Chief Executive, Institute of Cancer Research. London: The Rev William Boyd Robertson MacMillan, Minister of Dundes Parish Church (St Mary's); Professor Sir Alan Pea-cock, Chairman of the Scottish Arts Council; Lord Scarman, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary 1977-86; Mrs Elizabeth Ward, President and Founder of the British Kidney Patient Association.

> Professor John R. Small, professor of accountancy and finance, has been appointed to the new post of Deputy Principal. The Rev Graham R. Houston, parish minister of Letham St Mark's Church of Scotland. Perth, has been appointed Chaplain to the university.

#### Muir, of Anners, Thorpe, Egham, Surrey. Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Washington, 1st president of the USA 1789-97; Westmoreland County, Vir-giala, 1732; Arthur Scho-penhauer, philosopher, Gdansk, 1788; James Lowell, poet and diplomate. diplomat. Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1819; Robert Baden-Powell, Baron Baden-Powell, founder the Boy Scout wife Olave, was born on this day, Wingesworth, Derbyshire, 1889; Henrich Hertz, physicist, Hamburg, 1857; Eric Gill, sculppoet, Rockland, Maine, 1892. DEATHS: David Bruce, David II, King of Scotland, reigned 1329-71, Edinburgh, 1371; Adam Ferguson, philosopher, St. Andrews, 1816; James Barry, painter, London, 1806; Sydney Smith, clergyman and wit, Loadon, 1845; Sir Charles Lyall, palents of the control geologist, London, 1875; Jean-Baptiste Corot, painter, Paris, 1875; Hugo Wolf, lieder com-poser, Vienna, 1903; Stefan Zweig, novelist, Petropolis, Bea-zit, 1942.

### Cranwell graduates

Air Vice-Marshal P. J. Harding, Deputy Commander, Royal Air Force Germany, was the review-ing officer at the graduation of 110 officers of no 122 initial officer training course and 19 officers of no 234 specialist entrant and re-entrant course from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on February 15. Prize-winners: Hennessy Tro-Prize-winners: Hennessy Trophy and Philip Sassoon Memorial Prize: Flying Officer S. L.
Brown, BSc, WRAF; British
Aircraft Corporation Trophy:
Flying Officer J. K. Duncan;
Group Captain Williams' Memorial Trophy: Acting Pilot
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### Appointments in the Forces

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#### SPECIAL COAL TRAINS

The anxiety feit in the House of Commons about the scarcity of coal was allayed today by the announcement of special and urgent measures and by evidence of the Prime Minister's personal interest and effort. There will be 143 additional coal trains each week, involving some curtailment

of passenger services.
CAPTAIN EUAN WALLACE told the House that the exceptionally severe weather had dis-located traffic while increasing the demand for coal, and that depletion of stocks had caused continued scarcity in some areas. Last week it had been decided that special measures should be taken to accelerate the movement of coal, and it was hoped that areas suffering from scarcity of domestic supplies would soon be relieved. Special measures were also being taken to augment supplies to

public utility undertakings.

These measures would involve the drawing of additional supplies of coal by rail from Northumberland and Durham as well as from the Midland Amalgamated District, which includes South Yorkshire. The Railway Executive Committee had been asked to make such arrangements as would

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involved in that service. Salving Waste

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#### **HEALTH**

Sally Brompton reports on how British travellers are falling victim to the world's second greatest killer



## Malaria bites back

he alarming increase in the numbers of British travellers catching malaria, up 25 per cent on this time last year, is proof of man's losing battle against his greatest living enemy - the mosquito.

Despite the billions of pounds spent over the past 35 years on efforts to eradicate malaria worldwide, financial cutbacks mean the killer disease flourishes, as does the

insect responsible for spreading it.
"In the 1960s our goal was to eradicate malaria globally, but now the emphasis has shifted to malaria control in the vast majority of places," says Dr Brian Doberstyn, chief of the World Health Organization's Malaria Unit. "All we can do now is to try to keep deaths and suffering to a reasonable limit. Our success varies from place static or getting worse.

With malaria-carrying mosquitoes surviving only in hot climates, Doberstyn is aware of speculation that the disease could spread as a result of global warming. "It is something we are watching," he says. "There are a few areas where the mean temperature has been observed to be increasing, and where malaria is getting worse. In certain areas, such as the highlands of Madagascar, where malaria has never before been a problem, it has now reached epidemic propor-

With an estimated two million people a year dying from malaria (mainly in Africa) out of an annual 400 million clinical attacks of the disease, it is the world's second biggest killer (after the combined diarrhoeal diseases which afflict Third World children). Malaria is rife in parts of Mexico, Turkey and

the Middle East as well as Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and other parts of the Pacific. The Far East has patches of malaria which are very resistant to drugs.

In Britain, which has around 2,000 imported cases of malaria

annually, resulting in an average of six deaths, more than half the cases involve the malignant Plasmodium falciparum, the most serious and potentially fatal form of the disease which can be caught in most malarial countries. The majority of British malaria victims - many of whom had been taking anti-malaria precautions - caught the disease in Africa. About 2 per cent of British travellers to Ghans come back with a malignant form of the disease.

Of the 3,500 species of mosquito, only the female anopheles mosquito carries the four malaria parasites. This is one of the 50 species found not warm enough for the parasite to complete the 10-day lifecycle inside the insect needed to pass on the disease. The only recorded cases of people catching malaria in Britain in recent years were the result of mosquitoes arriving at Gatwick on planes from malarial countries.

Other mosquitoes found in tropical climates are responsible for the spread of yellow fever, the virus infection dengue, encephalitis (in-flammation of the brain), and elephantiasis — gross thickening of the skin due to chronic obstruction of the lymphatic vessels,

Despite widespread rumour, most experts think it improbable that mosquitoes carry the Aids virus to any significant extent. "The HTV virus is very widespread in Africa, but it doesn't occur in children below the age of puberty, apart from the babies of infected mothers," says Dr Paul Clarke, medical director of the Medical Advisory Service for Travellers Abroad (MASTA). "Yet children of that age certainly die all the time from malaria, and get severely bitten by mosquitoes." While other diseases passed on by mosquitoes need to reproduce within the insect, Clarke says there is "good evidence that the HIV virus does not multiply in the mosquito, which it would need to do in order to produce an effective

dose". There is no recorded case of the HIV virus having been transmitted by mosquito. The transmission of diseases is carried out exclusively by the

'All we can do now is to try to keep deaths and suffering to a reasonable limit'

female mosquito, which bites and sucks the blood of mammals in order to breed. (The male mosquito prefers a diet of fruit juices.) After the female has fed, it finds some water in which to lay its eggs, which hatch within days. Mosquitoes are particularly fond of breeding in old car tyres in which water has ed; a recent shipment of tyres from Africa to the southern states of America resulted in the introduction into the United States of the aedes mosquito, which carries yel-

low fever and dengue.

In the flower vases of a Caracas cemetery there are said to be 50

quito at any given time. In Cuba, during the last major outbreak of dengue fever, President Fidel Castro insisted that only plastic flowers be displayed in homes and cemeteries.

Mosquitoes feed mainly at dawn and dusk and tend to search for food at ground level, which is why they frequently bite their victims' ankles, feet and legs. Some live indoors, while others hunt for food under trees. Nobody knows why some people are more susceptible to mosquito bites than others. "It may be to do with odour, warmth, or colour of the skin, but no real certain correlation has been found,"

Clarke says.

The official line to help prevent mosquito bites is basic: cover up as much skin as possible and wear long trousers tucked into socks; rub in Deet, an oily substance which repels children under six) and which is now available from MASTA, both neat and in the form of impregnated wrist and ankle bands; take whatever anti-malaria tablets are recommended for your particular destination, and continue them for 28 days after arriving home. Sleep under a mosquito net impregnated with insecticide.

If you catch malaria - which causes flu-like symptoms and can take up to a mouth to manifest itself - act treatment immediately. It is particularly dangerous for pregnant women, as all forms of malaria can cause abordons.

Unlike the malignant P. falciparum malaria, the three types of benign malaria can recur if not

treated by a specialist. One of the problems in fighting malaria is the mosquitoes' increasing resistance to insecticides, and the malaria parasites' resistance to drugs such as chloroquine — the most commonly used preventive and curative drug. "None of the precautions is fool-proof, but they do protect you quite a bit," says Dr David Warhurst, senior lecturer at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. "We've proved to our satisfaction that even if you do get the infection, if you have been taking prophylactics you are less likely to die."

Another problem is the expense and difficulty involved in creating treatment facilities in malarial areas. Between 1955 and 1970 an estimated \$2,000 million was spent on a malaria cradication campaign in 105 countries, consisting mainly of spraying DDT and using drugs in massive quantities. Today, due to dwindling funds and enthusiasm. the World Health Organization has only \$7.5 million a year to spend on iama activities. \$6 million from voluntary contributions.

Current malaria research focuses on a three-pronged approach to the problem: control of mosquitoes, control of the malaria parasites with new drugs, and production of vaccines. "Right now there is no malaria which isn't curable," Doberstyn says. "But in some places the drugs that work are too expensive for the country to afford. And there is still a tremendous need for more effective and better drugs, and safer methods of control.

• The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine operates a telephone answering service providing detailed information on precautions for travellers, on 01-636 7921; for information on anti-mosquito items, ring 01-631 4408. British Airways operates 18 travel clinics nationwide dispensing tablets and up-to-date information (01-831 5333).

### MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

### Breast cancer prevention

While Michael Baum has been professor of surgery at King's College Hospital, his interest in breast cancer has embraced all aspects of the disease; the reward for his research has been a worldwide reputation. His move from the chair at King's to a similar post at the Royal Marsden Hospital has inevitably attracted attention and questions. Was it merely a desire to attracted attention and questions. Was it mercily a desire to devote more time to research, in a postgraduate organization where he would be freed from the responsibilities of undergraduate teaching, but would find the right research infrastructure? Or had he finally tired of the uphill task of trying to train students in a teaching hospital where, in his view, the number of surgical beds in the academic surgical unit was no longer enough to allow his undergraduates the experience necessary to make good doctors in the future?

Baum insists that his move, which was at the invitation of the Marsden, was prompted by the desire to do more research, but admits that he has become increasingly apprehensive about the damage to medical school teaching, not only in King's but in all the London teaching hospitals, resulting from the shortage of money and hence of beds. Recently Baum had felt it his duty to write formally to the dean of his medical school, warning him that unplanned cuts in surgical beds meant students were no longer receiving the surgical training which he, conscious of GMC guidelines on the number of teaching beds needed per

student, felt that they and their future patients deserved.

Although a professor of surgery with an international reputation, Banm now has access to only six beds at King's, a fraction of the number available when he was appointed. Baum's move has been celebrated by a donation of £100,000 to develop a laboratory to enable him to expand his current work, including research on gestodene, a drug which, if taken regularly, could prevent cancer of the breast. Baum feels that continuous treatment of this sort would be justified only if such a preparation could be incorporated into some other healthpromoting pill - the contraceptive pill, for instance, or HRT treatment. By a happy chance, research workers may have uncovered a molecular structure which could have just such a role, and which Baum agrees is sufficiently encouraging to

warrant further work on gestodene. Women anxious about breast cancer should not be deluded by veekend reports which seemed to suggest that a lifetime of baking on a Mediterranean beach would prevent the disease, All the research workers had shown was a statistical relationship between vitamin D levels and the propensity to develop a malignancy. Rather more fish in the diet, or even a multi-vitamin pill, will achieve the same result without the hazard of developing skin cancer or a cataract.

#### Problem pill

Chauvinistic males who dread the day when their partners will expect them to take a contraceptive pill should not be alarmed by

Press reports which suggested that one would be available within 10 years. Preliminary findings by World Health Organization research workers who have been prescribing the male hormone testosterone encanthate (promoteston) to 234 men, 38 of them British, had apparently given encouraging results. But Pulse magazine reports that Schering, which makes promoteston in West Germany, has dropped all further fears over its efficiency as a contraceptive, and anxieties about its side effects.

The British subsidiary of Schering told The Times that it had never been involved in this particular research project. In general, research on the main male pill had centred on using male hormones in two different ways: either as a very large dose of the hormone, which would interfere with the control which the pituitary gland exerts on the production of sperm by the testes; or by prescribing a testosterone/progestogen mix-ture. Both lines of research had resulted in unacceptable side effects, which could possibly be dangerous. Testosterone, one of the products banned for athletes, may well

increase muscle growth, but it

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could also cause long-term problems with fertility, the liver, the prostate and the cardiovascular system; psychologically, it can cause excessive aggression.

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organisms dangerous to life One teaching hospital has recently been sued because its casualty officer stitched a human bite wound, rather than cutting out damaged tissue first and then allowing it to heal slowly. The apprieved patient claimed that to be bitten by another person is so notoriously dangerous that any doctor would be wrong to take a chance and stitch the

wound at once, Not all wounds are, however, afflicted in anger, love bites, too, have their dangers. The British Journal of Surgery recently reported a case of a woman who was so carried away by her portrayal of a vampire at a party that she left part of a broken plastic tooth in her boyfriend's neck; later a benign tumour formed around its remnants.

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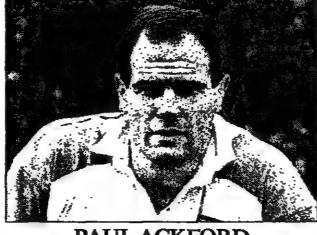
Britain feels better for it.

### Staying alive in the scrum

I've been playing with the England rugby team since November 1988. I play in the second row of the scrum and for that you've got to be tall, strong and mobile. Everyone jumps up for the ball, and if you're tall you can excel in that area. I'm 6ft 6in and weigh just over 17 stone. I've joined a gym in Battersea which has a combination of running machines, exercise bikes and weight training equipment, plus Jacuzzis and saunas, and I try to train down there three times a week. Rugby is unusual in that you need upper body strength as well as lower body strength, so you try to exercise the whole body. People like Seb Coe are very aerobically fit, far fitter than I'll ever be, but you ask him to rip a ball out of a scrum and he wouldn't he able As an inspector with the

Metropolitan Police, I work shifts. The difficulty with shift work (I do one week of nights every fourth week) is that obviously you're sleeping during the day and your body clock takes a while to readjust, so sometimes you're training when you think you should be sleeping, and vice versa.

I just try to eat my meals at a regular time. When I get up when I'm working during the day, I always have cereal and toast. When I'm on nights and I get up at two or three in the afternoon. I'll have the same sort of food then. My main meal would be at three or four



PAUL ACKFORD

The England BREATHING team has a sports nu **SPACE** tritionist: you've got to carbohydrates, a bit like the runners - pasta, potatoes, fresh vegetables, fruit, orange juice, chicken

I try to avoid puddings as

sible. I quite like fruit salad if I'm out, but I'm as bad as the next man -I like things like chocolate custard, but I try not to cat

and broccoli - and cut down on the fatty stuff like steak and I don't drink an awful lot of alcohol nowadays. It's a myth chips and fried foods. Luckily, that rugby players are hard I don't really put on weight drinkers, though it used to be very easily, so I try and eat properly for five or six days the case. They used to say that when you were in training for and on the seventh I'll indulge a serious game, instead of myself I quite like Indian drinking six pints a night, food, and a curry is pretty you'd drink two pints a night,

but these days it doesn't

tectotal. It's quite a demanding thing playing international sport, you've got to adopt a certain lifestyle to enable you to be as best prepared as

You are vulnerable to injuries because it's a contact sport, but, touch wood, I've been very lucky, I've never really ever had any serious injuries. I've done a few rib cartilages, and a shoulder joint, had a few stitches, but nothing which has kept me out for very long. A lot of injuries are contact

injuries - haematomas, dead legs - you get a lot of those. If your thigh gets hit hard by a shoulder or a head, the muscle bleeds inside and when it stops and clots it's quite sore. It's nothing desperately serious, it just means that every time you exercise the muscle, you re-start the bleeding and it takes a while to sort itself out. You get lots of finger injuries - dislocated, broken - and quite a lot of head injuries that need facial stitching, just from flying elbows or accidental boots, or clashing heads. But they are only small cuts and three or four stitches usually sort them out.

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David Pryce-Jones on the books of scribblers who have become melodramatic moralists

## Middle Eastern warr1ors

obert Fisk and Thomas Friedman are veteran Beirut correspondents, for One or another London newspaper and the New York Times respectively. Fisk had a close shave with kidnappers, and Friedman's apartment building was blown up. Such is life there.

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Fisk rejoices in the hazards, and as a writer insistently arouses pity and horror. As he tells it, he is repeatedly running into gun-fire and the yelling of four-letter words, but somehow managing to find what he is after. There is also an intentional process of selfromancing, of wishing to appear larger than life, which can raise a smile. The editor must print him on the front page, he telexes, because he has risked his life getting the story. Friedman is calmer. Both men claim to see themselves as witnesses to history in the making.

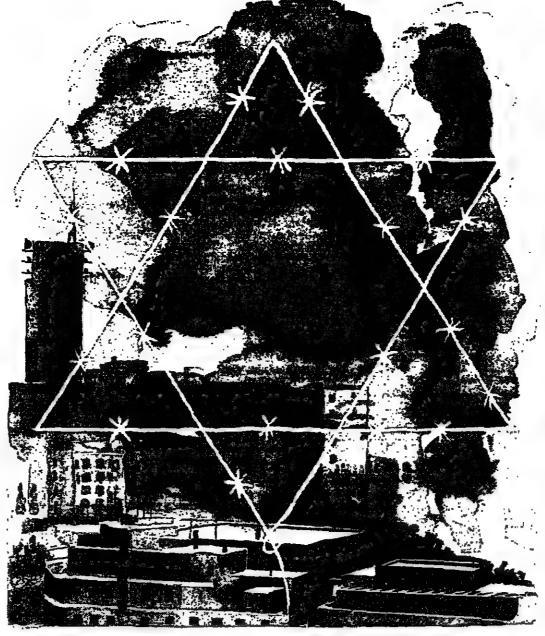
Actually they were required to do something more modestly specific, which was to report the civil war destroying Lebanon since 1975, and the extra twists imparted to it by the Syrian invasion of 1976 and the Israeli invasion of 1982. What they wrote was certain to influence public opinion, and so be controversial. Fisk describes how in 1982 he was answering in person letters from angry readers, while at the very same time Friedman was "the most hated man in New York City", in words passed on via his father-in-law. There is a strict divide between the journalist reporting facts and news, and the politician with a case to make. These books reveal how two experienced correspondents had convictions compelling them to disregard that divide, and to think

themselves right to be doing so. The letters and hate were of course sparked exclusively by the Israeli invesion. According to Fisk, this was "one of the greatest military blunders in recent Middle East history", and a bonus only to the Soviets. Blunder it certainly was in several respects, but Fisk sidesteps the reality that the PLO ever since has had no alternative to pursuing peace through diplo-macy. And what about the Iraqi attack on Iran as a blunder creating far more human misery?

To Fisk, the Israelis are murderers and thieves, and it is his urgent moral duty to expose them as such. It is wrong of them to call their opponents "terrorists" when that is what they are themselves, Repeated reference to the Holocaust is more self-serving hypocrisy. Many of the angry letters came from Jews accusing Fisk of anti-Semitism. On the contrary, it seems to me as certain as anything can be that if the Israelis were being massacred Fisk would be there with note-book and camera, the moralizing pouring from him in just the same style of personalized outrage. His lack of proportion and his melodrama are aspects of personality, but more importantly derive from an ideo-logical mind-set surviving unmodified from the Sixties.

In that view, there are good guys who are friendly leftists and anti-American, and bad guys who are rightists and imperialists, like Israelis and Maronites, and naïve or ugly America which puts them up to it. The wish to be with the good guys drives Fisk first into partisanship, and then into much more confusion than he understands. For in the absence in the Middle East of successful and pluralist nation-states, each and every ethnic and religious community or minority must defend itself by force or go under. These are the politics that have

long been customary in the region.
It was certainly not Fisk's intention to condescend to lesser breeds without the Law, but that is where his interpretation of the Middle East political and social order has led him. It comes down



to this for Fisk, that Israelis kill Arabs when they know better, and that is criminal, while Arabs kill Arabs because they do not know better, and that is cruel. In both cases, vicious character is the cause - and that is nonsense. The Sixties ideologue turns out to be as self-righteously superior as any

Friedman at least has a sense of proportion. Much of his analysis is true, Israel receives undue attention in the West, in his opinion, because it is a super-story with biblical and historical resonances that Palestinians could never match. Inter-Arab fighting goes unreported because nobody really cares about it, or expects otherwise: condescension in another form.

At Hama, the ruler proved that

he would stop at nothing for the

sake of power, and this leads

Friedman to coin the useful

Victorian colonel.

PITY THE NATION By Robert Fisk André Deutsch, £17.95 FROM BEIRUT TO JERUSALEM By Thomas Friedman Collins, £15

phrase "Hama Rules", to cover the absolute logic of customary politics. It was a shock to him to realize that 1982 marked the turning point when Israel began to play by Hama Rules. The Israeli invasion called into question his own feeling as a Jew, as well as his impartiality as a reporter, and he greatly resented being placed in this position. Criticism of Israel became a moral duty for him too. Interviewing General Drori, the overall Israeli commander at Sa-

nish roots from

childhood still

existing (my late

brother was one time High Sher-iff), I must tell her that Corn-

wall is not seeth-

ing,

bra and Shatila, he banged the table, adding with a Fisk-like touch, "I buried Amir Drori on the front page of the New York Times." But slowly he came to understand that Israel is only one among other communities in the region, using force to have its way

in "a messy tribal feud". Israelis aspire to a Jewish state, democracy, and all of Palestine, any two of which are possible but not all three. The intifada prods them to make up their minds about what kind of people they want to be. In an Arab country, it would have been settled long since by Hama Rules, but in Israel's confines this would probably lead to civil war à la Beirut, Friedman is as sure as Fisk that he deserves the praise of all good men. That's how facts transform into convictions, and journalists into

### Lean directness on last matters

nderwriting is the basis of insurance — and of some good novels. The Other Occupant by Peter Benson is underwritten to the scrape of truth. The title refers to an old woman, Marjorie: she finds that cancer occupies her gut and she must die. A drifter has come to work for her in Dorset for a week; but he stays to see her through and remembers the death by cancer of his father and mother - "the

disease was a rain in my life". Benson's art of understatement achieves the impossible. He makes a painful dying full of dignity and strength. Majorie has courage and no self-pity. She had worked as a doctor in Africa for most of her life. She can cope with her own going. It is rare to read a novel in which the brief style so well fits the harrowing subject

John Casey shares the gift of laconic truth, but in the American mode. Sparting is the name of a saltwater marsh weed, also the name of the fishing boat that the bero Dick is trying to build in Rhode Island. Married, with two boys, he meets a park ranger from a rich local family and has a child by her. Their lovemaking is like small boats jostling each other with their fenders or deep in the mud of the creek along with the clams. She helps him to complete the fishing boat he craves, the Spartina, although he feels the money is a stud fee. And she patronizes him, treating him as if he were an endangered species. She is spoiling his habitat by inflicting a baby on him.

In the end, Dick accommodates himself to his new situation, feeling like the tangled marsh weed, now brimming with the sea. This novel has been compared in the United States to The Old Man and the Sea and to Moby Dick. It is nothing of the sort. It lacks their power and mythology. Its virtue lies in a family story of a fisherman and a wealthy woman, a love between the classes that resolves itself in a reconciliation

with nature. Little Red Riding Hood is now held to be a fable of awakening sexuality. The Evening Wolves takes this interpretation farther — - the two daughters of a lone wolf fight for his love with his succession of women, who find him involved with his brat pack. Joan Chase seems to enter into her adolescents as if she possessed them. She nuzzles and howls in their speech and actions. She has a gift for the oddities of American vernacular. And the narrative meanders on as sibling relation-

ships do without conclusions;

#### FICTION

Andrew Sinclair

THE OTHER OCCUPANT By Peter Benson Macmillan, £12.95 SPARTINA By John Casey The Bodley Head, £12.95 THE EVENING WOLVES By Joan Chase Methuen, £12.99 THE COAST By Nigel Barley Viking, £12.99

there are spats and partings, kisses and meetings. The writing is so ingratiating and inclusive that the reader is made to tread an alien terrain, the road world of the Southern United States with its neon gentility and brash shabbiness. This is an uncanny book which speaks with strange tongues about feelings common to us all and tests the bonds that tie blood kin together.

Then the Reverend Emmanuel Truscot went to the West Coast of Africa in the last century, he thought he would change the ways of its superstitious and slave society. The Coast is the story of his aching, but funny failure. Nigel Barley is an anthropologist and a traveller with a merciless eye for cultural misunderstandings. His version of pidgin English is the most hilarious nativespeak since Mister Johnson spoke for Joyce Cary. The local king has the better of the missionary, when given the Bible and the promise of eternal life. "With this book I never die? You think I fool black man for sure ... White Men chop us till we like to die because we no sabby book. It be fool fashion. You give me shakehands," which means a greasing of the paim rather than a

The missionary is a brave fool, a limited visionary, and an acute commentary on the irrelevance of colonialism in the equatorial forests. Nigel Barley lampoons Vic-torian rectitude and commercial morality and local resilience without losing sympathy for the vic-tims of his wit. Africa was no nest of singing birds when we got there, as my Cambridge tutor used to tell me. On the evidence of The Coast, he was absolutely right.

#### NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's a of Interesting books:

Epic & Lyric, by Luis de Cambes, translated by Keith Bosley (Carcanet, £14.95) Extracts from The Lusted, and shorter poems, litustrated.

Committee Princess, Memoirs of an Aristocrat in Modern Russia, by Entering Meshcherskaya (Doubleday, £12.95) 85-year-old survivor in Moscow remembers.

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Ceremony and Society in
Prehistoric Britain, by Geoffrey
Wainwright (Thames & Hudson,
£19.95) Latest news from
important New Aspects of Antiquity
series, edited by Colin Renfrew. The Hidden Damage, by James Stern (Chelsea Press, 217.95) Memoir of a personal pligrimage with W. H. Auden to postwar Germany in 1945.

A History of Education in London 1870-1990, by Stuart Machine (Allen Lane, The Penguin Press, £17.99) The definitive history updated.

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Spanish Imperialism and the Political Imagination, by Anthony Pagden (Yale, £18.50) The idea of Spain in Old and New Worlds.

inda Christmas is a lively lady and very attractive, judging by her photograph on the dust jacket. She was once married to Norman Fowler, until recently Secretary for Employment. She has variable political views, supporting Labour when the first voted, and understandably changing to Conservative after her marriage. Though by this time divorced, "in 1979, I voted for Mrs Thatcher". In 1987 she voted for the Liberal Demonstrate of the delegation of the Liberal Demonstrate. crats. She declares herself a delib-

spice to her narrative. She thinks "we need Mrs Thatcher to curtail our decline". But "we'll be yearning — when the times comes — to say a hearty farewell to hard noses and a warm welcome to soft hearts". She seems to have undertaken her travels through Britain with the hope of making up her mind, and the minds of those of a similar disposition, as to whether it is now the magic moment to dispose of Mrs Thatcher.

erately floating voter, which adds

J. B. Priestley wrote English Journey, an account of his English tour in 1933. It was a remarkable book, full of sturdy thought tinged with homespun philosophy. Despite the heavy unemployment, in general he concluded that England and the English were not too bad, though, like many who work from armchairs, he was displeased by industrial buildings and factories,

### State of nation dashed about

even when run by so enlight-ened a firm as Cadbury. He went to many of the same places as Linda Christmas: both liking

the countryside but neither of

them much concerned with the beauties of architecture. In Liverpool neither noticed its outstanding glory, James Wyatt's town hall.

Linda Christmas was ambitious. She started in the Orkneys, visited Northern Ireland, moved zigzag down Britain, and got as far as Perranporth in North Cornwall. Snap, snap, snap, went her recording eyes and ears. She dashed from place to place, randomly observing, and listening eagerly to any who would talk to her. In view of her looks, they were numerous. In Cornwall she was much impressed by the few miles of coastal scenery she saw, and by some Cornish irredentist nutters: "Cornwall resents English domination." A quarter Cornish,

Woodrow Wyatt

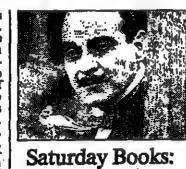
CHOPPING DOWN THE CHERRY TREES A Portrait of Britain in the Eighties By Linda Christmas

Azerbaijan, with separatist demands. True, the Cornish have a way of referring to the English as foreigners, but they do not burn their holiday homes as they do in Wales. (I am half Welsh too.) Most are rather proud of being in the Prince of Wales's Duchy. This is the trouble with quick, inevitably superficial jabs.

Sometimes you get it right; sometimes you don't. In Bradford, Priestley's home town (how would he have reacted to an Asian Muslim mayor?), she is fair-minded about the row over Ray Honeyford, the headmaster removed for his opposition to the council's policy of multi-cultur-alism in his school to replace assimilation. When she stays long enough to acquire some under-

standing, she is usually fair, unless her sentimentality overtakes her. complains of concentration "on the symptoms of Liverpool's malaise rather than the cause". The cause is the bloody-mindedness of the workers, who refused to operate reasonably the factories benevolently showered on them. In the recent Ford dispute, Halewood was in the van. Soon, probably, Ford will be yet another disillusioned manufacturer to pull

Was the lady's journey worth-while? Yes. She writes engagingly. Even when she pontificates beyond her capacity, she is enjoy-able. She is typical of those floating voters who knew that to revivify Britain hard things had to be done, but shudder when they are. She teeters on the edge of wanting to reverse the policies by which Mrs Thatcher raised the standard of living, but does not seem quite to fall over that precipice. Her instantly bleeding heart grapples with her head, which sees a little further, I suspect, if mortgage interest comes down, and the community charge and NHS reforms are seen to be a success, she may well not want to risk Britain's rising prosperity, and will vote for Mrs Thatcher once again, though today Mr Kinnock may be her fancyman. On such depends the fate of



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going to read from Primo Levi this side of Paradise, and it consists of cold cabbage recycled, i.e. pieces of journalistic fiction and comment and reportage that appeared in his column in La Stampa over 25 years. Newspaper columns are seldom worth publishing between hard covers (or reviewing), because they date, and because the two art forms are quite different: quick daily sprint on the Turin omnibus making a single crude point, and then used for wrapping carry-out pasta con ragit, con-trasted with a theoretically complex marathon lasting a few days, or even weeks of reading. Some of these columns are parochial, and a few have been overtaken by

ous winter in Eastern Europe. But these pieces are worth publishing as a book for those of us outside the circulation area of Turin, because they are by Levi. He was one of the very few working scientists of our generation who could write grippingly across the two cultures about his mysteries, in this book dealing with matters that on other word processors would sound as duli as the primal clays that may be the source of life, or the invention of an arachnid varnish that really

events, for example by the glori-

THE MIRROR MAKER

By Primo Levi Translated by Raymond Rosenthal Methuen, £12.99

sticks. He had an uncomplicated, direct, perhaps naîve view of the world, with no message and nothing too heavy to preach.

In this collection, as journo, he interviews a herring gull about pollution in the Po, and writes an open letter to the poet Horace about his Sabine farm: "Come now, it isn't as modest as you describe it; today we would call it a

you pay taxes that you would find it difficult to cover out of your author's royalties, or to obtain from Maccenas." As that suggests, the English translation sometimes trips you: "I have not forgotten 30 years of militancy in minor chemistry." He tried to simplify, like a good chemist, or a filter pump that sucks up water, and expels it clear.
The fiery furnace he had survived
at Auschwitz made him a broadminded, melancholy but humorous humanist, as in his moving poem about how our friends and lovers mark us for life, so that we carry their imprints for ever.

In the title story, a man invents a metaphysical mirror, which does not obey the laws of optics, but reproduces your image as it is seen by the person who stands in front of you. It is the size of a visiting card, and is worn on the forehead - and it causes predictable trouble. Levi was a modern Aesop, whose humanist's creed brings tears to the eyes. He was a curious - insatiably curious in both senses - journalist. He was lucky to have found at La Stampa editors to publish such very unconventional, out-of-this-world columns. But La Stampa was luckier to have found a chemist-journalist who wrote

uncommon literature.

#### THE ARTS

### No, Cleo, not tonight

TELEVISION ... Sheridan Morley

Way back in television ancienthistory, somewhere around 1955, I recall a series milled Yen Word There in which a bloke in glasses and modern dress with a clipboard would stand somewhere like the hattlefield of Hastings and inter-view the participants, or at any rate elderly actors giving a reason-shie factingle thereof. The format died, however, along with the potter's wheel intermission film and is one of the very few never to have been disinterred even for the middle of weekday afternoon

But last night two great historical figures were hauled back to camera life. Timewatch (BBC 2) investigated Napoleon's last great investigated Nationals as great buttle against the destroyers of his image, while Signats (Channel d) had a post-feminist look at Chepatra Although not the greatest asp disaster in the world, an honour still reserved for the Elizabeth Taylor movie of a Quarter century 200, Signals' Dyeans and Distortions was a disappointing ramble around some very familiar territory.

Working from her own new book on the same theme, Lucy Hughes-Hallett and her producer Jo Ann Kaplan invited such intelligent recent stage Cleos as Jane Lapetuire, Janet Serresa and Kale O'Mara to muse on the Egyptian Oneen as a threat to male supremacy, encapsulating the fear of the powerful woman from Imelda Marcos to Margaret Thatcher. From there they moved briskly on to a consideration of the

Burton-Taylor scandal as a reallife replay of the legend, with Burton as the alcoholic hero lestroyed by a "castrating" Liz. In itself that would have made a

itself that would have made a vasily more interesting programme, if they could just have let their cameras linger on it for longer than a couple of minutes.

On BBC 2, Bounparte was inboriously cobbling his official more together, a project apparently of such testiam that even he, as played by Kenneth Colley, found it difficult not to drift into found it difficult not to drift into aimlessly postalgic chats with a doctor who would occasionally ask such leading historical questions as: "Tell me, did you ever make a

The Isle of Lundy starred as St Helenz, and managed to look like an equally appalling place to

## Bonfire of the literary world

long been a thing of the past, but a new level of self-advocacy seems to have been reached. Last year Jay McInerney took his critics to task in an article in Esquire magazine more than five pages long. At least he had the good taste not to refer to his own books openly; which is more than can be said of Tom Wolfe, the man who can fit 2,343 exclama-

tion marks into a single novel. You may have already read Anthony Burgess or Jonathon Coe's ripostes to Wolfe's article, "Stalking the Billion-Footed Beast", but in America the debate has become more of a cause célèbre. Rarely has a single article - albeit such a long one - created such a stir in the literary fishpond. But, then, Wolfe has done everything in his power to maximize its effect: since it was first published in Harper's magazine last November, he has gone on the lecture circuit and appeared on television to defend his views. More to the point, though, Wolfe has been employing his

favourite tactic of mixing one part serious argument with two parts calculated provocation. His basic thesis is that over the last 40 years or so, the American novel, once great", has retreated from re-alism into a series of literary postures such as Minimalism, or what Wolfe has dubbed "K-Mart Realism". But to add fat to this fire, Wolfe repeatedly turns to his only novel. The Bonfire of the Vanities, for examples of the heights the novel can achieve through reportage and realism; furthermore, he quite brazenly implies that he is the sole heir to Dickens, Balzac and Zola.

It is this provocative combination of assertion and narcissism that proves Wolfe to be such a conning self-publicist, for the welter of protest has had to return to him at every stage of the debate. The result has been that three years after it first saw the light of day, Bonfire is still being dis-cussed. A remarkable feat in our supposedly three-minute culture. However, the larger issues of the

Freddie Baveystock watches the fur fly as Tom Wolfe offers

advice to novelists

state of the American novel and the potential of realist fiction have been the ones to dominate the letters to Harper's, of which, incidentally, Wolfe is a contributing editor. On the first count there has been an overwhelming consensus of opinion that Wolfe simply has not read enough contemporary American fiction to rubbish it. The New York novelist

Mary Gordon asks whether he has

read Louise Erdrich, Toni Morrison or William Kennedy.

'He quite brazenly implies that he is the sole heir to Dickens, Balzac and Zola'

It seems unlikely, for in Wolfe's final word on the subject (to be printed in the March issue of Harper's), he repeats his disdain for those whose work is "cut off from real life" as well as his clarion-call for a return to "detailed realism". Obviously Wolfe failed to digest Robert Towers's long reply to his original article in The New York Times Book Review, in which he took Wolfe to task for his impoverished definition of realism and thoroughgoing ignorance of modern American letters. He called Wolfe's piece an "exercise in philistinism".

If this provided the most comprehensive rebuttal of Wolfe's argument, it is Mary Gordon who has most acutely identified what lies behind it an intense dislike of the intelligentsia, especially those associated with universities. Her letter accuses Wolfe of "speaking from a position that comforts the uneasy", and of playing "the thinking man's reducek". While Wolfe's white suits and snobbish disregard for anything outside

New York make this a curious epithet, it fits his patriotic exhortation of the *idea* of the American novel as well as his deep suspicion of foreign writers.

In their debate on television, Mary Gordon made a passionate case for a much broader view of literature and the role imagination plays within it, less than 24 hours before Salman Rushdie's eloquent defence of just those two things in the Herbert Read Memorial lec-ture read at the ICA. Gordon drew upon a wide range of literature to support her critique of Wolfe: at one point she blantly asked him whether he had read Un Coeur Simple or Anna Karenina. According to a spokeswoman at Harper's, "There was a panse - it was eloquent - and then he said

Speaking to The Times from her home outside New York, Gordon now says she is weary of the debate. She feels the terms of the discussion have been based on 19th-century expectations of what the novel can do, and have not properly taken into account the power of television and film to describe reality or entertain: "We just don't go to the novel for the same things any more. And as for this 19th-century kind of entertainment, not even Tom Wolfe can provide that."

Pointing out his masculine preoccupation with size and scope, she said: "Who says that the smaller, more personal things are less important? Wolfe is clearly unwilling to place the novel in a narrower, but possibly deeper, context.

The truth, Harper's editor Lewis Lapham suggests, is that "there never has been much of a market for the literary novel in the US, so it's hard to know what standards you're measuring it against." He professes himself "delighted" with the controversy. Certainly it is beginning to look like a joint publicity venture. Mary Gordon somewhat regrets "playing into that. I think we should all be quiet now and get on with our work." Come to think of it, has Tom Wolfe not just been paid an extravagantly large advance for a



Wolfe: "the thinking man's reduck", or a campaigner for realism?

Jeremy Kingston

The Seagull

Birmingham Rep

Where this production differs from other productions of Chekhov, is

that the funds have been largely

assembled by one of the actors,

Neal Foster, who plays Konstan-tin. You may remember reading

about his enterprise last summer

in button-holing Jack Lemmon, Dustin Hoffman, Judi Dench and other theatrical celebrities as they left their dressing rooms, and asking to be allowed to interview

them before a paying andience. He had already asked Birming-

ham Rep if they would stage a production if he raised the cash,

and after crawling out from under their desks or clambering down

from the ceiling - or wherever

else a management retreats to

when freed with such an unwribe-

### Taking up a challenge

CONCERT Noël Goodwin

**Philip Hosford** Purcell Room

Even today the Piano Variations which Aaron Copland composed 60 years ago remain a challenge to player and listeners alike. Philip Hosford, the American pianist who won the 1988 Terence Judd Competition in London, put Copland's work at the centre of a byno-means conventional musical programme, and showed why it is judged such a pivotal work in

Copland's output. The resonances of what goes on between the notes are as important here as the notes themselves, though in the precise weight and sustaining of them the pianist's sensibility must be called into play. Copland's highly individual "note row" here is less of an exact science than if it were in serial technique, and a compelling emotional character in this performance - in relating to the American blues tradition in the background, for instance - was combined with an assured display

In the first part of the programme Bach and Beethoven fared less well. The former's D minor Chaconne, in Busoni's magniloquent arrangement, became too much the means to a clamorous keyboard broadside that almost bounced off the walls in the small ball, though the pianist's grasp of its musical implications was impressive more so, indeed, than his curiously detached and sometimes peremptory account of Beethoven's A flat Sonata, Op 110. Here, the final fugue almost fell over itself to redeem the arioso dolente

Russian romantic composers touched responsive chords in the pianist's more benevolent aspects from idyllically melodious Boros din (a Serenade and Nocturne) to Scriabin as a first encore.

Along the way were a glistening Preinde and Fugue (very fast) by Taneyev, and what the pro-gramme-sheet delightfully item-ised as "Les Ghinka" (I office wondered what happened to Lesi wherein Lyapunov dispensed shimmering lines as well as exciting rhythms in a folk-dance from the Lezghis that went well with steely-fingered pianism.



"To write is to pass judgement on oneself," declared Ibsen; and he never fulfilled that injunction with more dour relish than in his last play. It is a post-mortem in which the dramatist himself combines the roles of pathologist and dead body; an inquest on the human and creative talents he has misused and may have destroyed.

It is also a notoriously dense work, difficult for audiences to grasp and directors to stage. Even Archer, Ibsen's great champion, thought it showed signs of senility. It says something for Jonathan Kent's clean, spare, if under-powered, revival that the play emerges as comprehensibly as it does. The knife may not cut deep and dangerously, but we know what it is revealing.

What it reveals are the innerds of sculptor Rubek, who created a masterpiece, shed the model who inspired it, and is now trapped in a enervating marriage with a bored young wife, Maja, Indeed, he seems terminally disappointed: as

### Climax of a senile genius

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When We Dead Waken Almeida

of introducing the main action. One living corpse meets another, Rubek is confronted with the model Irena, half-mad with resentment at a rejection she believes murdered her soul; or (to name the names at the Almeida) the Norwegian actor Espen Skjönberg, a natty, bearded blend of hobgoblin and Pirandello, does battle with Claire Bloom, looking like a well-groomed ghost with her silver-cream face, hair and dress.

The play's symbolism becomes more obtrusive, more apocalyptic, and culminates in what may be a joint suicide, and may be a transfiguration, on a mountain peak. It is an ending markedly like

those of Ibsen's other late, late zanne Burden's Maja, never As his embarrassing weakness for young women showed, he too vearned for emotional resurrection. He too wanted to create a new poetic masterpiece, finer than those of his youth. He too was tormented with remorse, selfdiagust and hopelessness.

But the play is more than autobiographical, or should be. It must leave us too feeling the desperate frustration of not being able to correct one's life-errors, recover the irrecoverable, or begin again; at least not this side of the grave. Unluckily, Kent's production proves stronger at evoking killer-avalanches - a roar, swirling smoke, white light playing across the vast, crotic sculpture at the back of the art-gallery-like set - than in generating the killer-

emotions them demands. The problem starts with Su-

That said, I have to admit that, of all the ballets I have seen her in,

Swan Lake seems to me to suit her

least. That is largely, I believe, because of the way the ballet is produced in Russia nowadays, omitting the mime and eliding

some of the choreography for big.

The proof of this can be seen in

the difference between her Odette in Act II and in Act IV. The

former stays close enough in its

London and Leningrad stagings

for her and Jonathan Cope, her

Siegfried, to perform mostly her

own accustomed version. The

result is elegant but cool, brittle;

too much of the bird-like arm

movements, not enough of the

sentimental effects.

works. The Master Builder and sensuous enough to make plan-John Gabriel Borkman; and it tells sible the parallel plot in which she us much about his restless old age. deserts the inert Rubek for the excitingly shaggy gentleman-Viking, played by Miles Anderson. It is not improved by Claire Bloom, who must seem corroded past repair with vindictiveness. She successfully expresses nostalgia, regret and rueful affection; but when she brandishes a dagger at Rubek, she looks as if she's proffering picnic cutlery, not

threatening to skewer him. Skjönberg's Rubek - if some times uncomfortable with English syllables, the text, and his fellowplayers - gives a more complex. interesting performance. There is sardonic humour here, and anger, and even a weird other-worldliness, reminiscent of the late Ralph Richardson. But one still misses something central: an intensity of self-hatred and, at times, despair. Kent's production is lucid, yes.

dox request - they agreed. Foster looks fragile enough to be blown away by a moderate wind, but clearly has nerves of steel. And has it been worthwhile from an andience's point of view? Fortunately, yes, though I think the proximity of a studio produc-Seduced by sentiment tion works against this particular play. Either that or the direction,

Anthony Clark's first since becoming artistic director of the Rep, has not researed the dimensions of the space and scaled down the loader performances accordingly. We are very close to the actors, who are even claser in our another.

The settings by Liz Fjelle are eye-catching, a 3-D version of an Edvard Munch lakeside -- Nordic, of course, not Slavic but

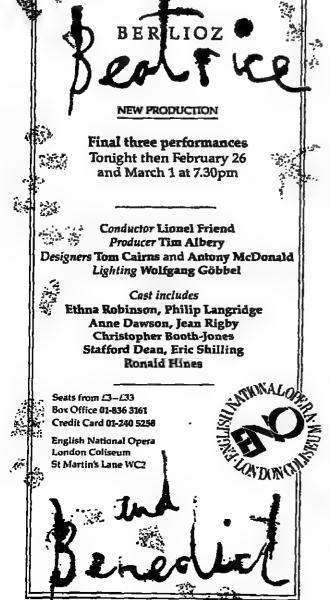
### When cheek pays off

suitably melancholy as a back-ground to the distracted love affairs. The play within the play is acted upon a smoothly rounded rock in the foreground, assisted by an invested battery of sound affects from kitchen atmelle, and the long reflection of a low sam — March's trademark - cropping up again on the floor and curtains of the interior scenes, encloses the characters in a mood of isolation at the other and of nowhere.

Foster's taut and edgy Konstantin, a performance of raw nerve-endings and choked rage, is uneasily partnered by Emily Raymond's Nina who has lovely eyes and a mysterious smile, but so passionate a delivery that her crucial self-discoveries do not seem her own. Roberta Taylor's sour Arkadina misses the character's glamour, though I liked the way she sways from Peter Guinness's pugilist-like Trigoria as he goes rhapsodising on about Nina's youth.

Clark is generally good with the comedy, and Angela Moran's Polina is unexpectedly funny, sliding along the garden sent to be close to her beloved doctor. There is also a peach of a performance from Michele Wade as Masha, a sort of roguish Ophelia snorting sunff as voraciously as though she had shares in the company.

artist, man, everything All this is briskly, almost Keile edge: Skitnberg and Bloom brusquely, conveyed to us by way Silver & Jéwellery NEW PRODUCTION







Asylamatova: exotically beautiful

musical and structural differences are bigger, so she has to fit in with the Royal Ballet's version, and how much better she looked for it. Ivanov's quiet, elegiac choreog-

raphy suits her, and so does the traditional mime, which she gives with great clarity and conviction. Here we saw the Odette she could be if she played the whole ballet in the old-fashioned way: simple, unaffected, touching and true. Her Odile in Act III lay tech-

nically and emotionally, as well as temporally, between those two Odettes. She seemed to be seducing us in the audience rather more than Siegfried; but those fast, tight turns of every kind are amazing, and in one diagonal of little leans she seemed to pounce on her transfixed princely prey



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Imperious: Jessica Tandy as Daisy Werthan, with her trusty chauffeur Heke Colbarn

(Morgan Freeman)

David Robinson reviews new releases Driving Miss Daisy, Cinema Paradiso, Dad, Monkey Shines, Winter People . . .

Race relations in the driving seat

Miss Daisy (U, Warner West End) has edged Born on the Fourth of July out of top place in the American box office charts, won a heap of Oscar nominations, and earned top acting honours for Jessica Tandy and Morgan Free-man at the Berlin Film Festival so demonstrating that there is still a place for charm in the movies.

Adapted from a three-character play by Alfred Uhry, it is set in Georgia and traces the slow-developing relationship of a crotchety old Jewish widow and the black chauffeur she unwillingly takes on when her own driving becomes dangerously

The action spans the period from 1948 to 1973, and reflects slowly changing Southern attitudes to race. The characters are so conditioned by the society in which they have grown, that neither recognizes the racism im-plicit equally in Miss Daisy's imperious ways with blacks, and in the first less of interest less well like he in Hoke the chauffeur's amused and philosophical acceptance and unvarying "Yas'm".

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Common of the part Imperceptibly their relationship develops with the times. As a Jew, the field to the second Daisy herself experiences racism, and at the end, helpless in an old people's home, she brings herself 5

to confess that the black man is

her best friend.

Uhry's screen play is sharp, funny, unsentimental: and the performances deserve every prize they get. The octogenarian English actress Jessica Tandy gives a huge range of shadings to Miss Daisy, from acidulous to tender, and Morgan Freeman, in his original stage role, brings a lot of endearing cunning to Hoke's management of the old lady. Dan Aykroyd -more usually seen in over-the-top comic roles -- skilfully subordinates himself in the role of Daisy's likeable dullard son. It is a film of

unimpaired delight. Charm also infuses every frame of Giuseppe Tornatore's Cinema Paradiso (PG, Curzon Mayfair), just nominated for Best Foreign Film Oscar. This is unrestrained. sentimental nostalgia for the days when the cinema stood alongside the parish church as the centre of the community life of every little provincial lower

A successful film director (Jacques Perrin), learning of the death of his friend Alfredo, remembers his home-town and childhood; his war-widowed mother, his shortcomings as altar boy, and his passion to get into the projection box of the movie theatre, where

Alfredo rules supreme - a giant in the town, provider of the stories with which the cinema nightly enthralls the populace.

The glimpsed fragments from forgotten Italian pot-boilers, the too-passionate kisses which the local priest snips out of the films (to be secretly treasured for the future), the lurid posters, the faithful audience: all remind us that movies are the folk-tales of the 20th century, as necessary and precious and regretted in their loss as any other communal culture.

bis film again triumph by the central perfor-mances: the incomparable Philippe Noiret as the solemn Alfredo, and Salvatore Cascio as the infant Salvatore, an endearing and defiantly uncute little comedian. If the later scenes - with Alfredo retired and Salvatore grown-up - are less successful, it is probably mostly due (as Tornatore explains in the interview below) to cuts forced on him by the initial hostile reception of his film.

The charm intended in Dad (PG, Cannons Haymarket, Shaftesbury Avenue) is quite resistible. Jack Lemmon plays the title role in this mawkishly sentimental tale whose moral is that fathers and sons should demonstrate their love while they still may. The

script, from a novel by William Wharton, manages to drag us through two very medical deathbed scenes, from the first of which Lemmon miraculously revives to enjoy an embarrassing second childhood. Olympia Dukakis plays his self-centred and overbearing wife; Ted Danson as his son is the most sympathetic and credible character. Some things are better left unsaid; but Dad says them all, over and over. It is directed, with ambitions to look like On Golden Pond, by Gary

David Goldberg. Charm is notably absent from George A. Romero's science-lic-tion thriller Monkey Shines (18, Prince Charles) in which the paraplegic hero (Hollywood is currently obsessed with sickness and infirmity) falls victim to a monkey who, having been injected with human brain serum, develops killer tendencies.

Winter People (15, Cannon Tottenham Court Road), directed by Ted Kotcheff, is the kind of hillbilly melodrama that has not been seen this past half-century, with bewhiskered mountain-men, feuding families, byblow babies, and a mild-mannered stranger (Kurt Russell) who survives ridicule and humiliation to win love and respect at the fade-out. The brightest spot is Lloyd Bridges as a



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and Geoff Brown looks at Blaze starring Paul Newman, plus Hamlet Goes Business and Romero

### The stripper, the sinner and the saintly bishop

notation of the week: "The three best friends the poor Jesus Christ, Sears and Roebuck, and Earl K. Loug". The first two we know, and Blaze (15, Warner West End), a captivating slice of Americana from writer-director Ron Shelton, tells as about the third. Like his younger brother Huey, he was Governor of Louisiana; a Democrat, he stood up for civil rights and social welfare. More to the movie's point, in 1959 he began a love affair with a red-headed stripper, Blaze Starz. The scandal terminated his political career and, shortly afterwards, his

Paul Newman brings this sympathetic rogue leaping back to life: the face seems deliberately lined beyond Newman's years, the voice a husky croak through and in sliding mental health, Long can still respond to the innocent bounce of Blaze the stripper amiably protrayed by a relative newcomer from Canada, Lolita Davidovich. The affair is mostly played for comedy, though the pair's affection seems real: there is nothing sleazy about this May to December remuner.

Shelton's film - a worthy successor to his baseball comedy Bull Durham - revels in its flamboyant here and period setting. Newman's sole starting pres-



Simple dignity: Julia as Romero

have burt the film in America; though the justling pallery of fresh faces, cast as back-room cronics, remains one of its many pleasures Blaze is a fine addition to Hollywood's forays into political his-tory, and a welcome sign that adult intelligence in the movie capital may be staging a comeback.

Hamlet Goes Business (15,
Everyman) finds Aki Kanrismiki,

the bad boy of Finnish cinema, o better form than in Leningrad Cowboys Go to America, Shakespeare's plot supplies a stardy

on the ways of the world (Hamlet inherits a business empire poised to give up mills and shippards for Sweden's rubber duck industry). The oppressive black-and-white photography bestows a unifying style; the film quietly throbs with B-movie madness. Rib-poking performances would have rained its dour demeanour; but the cast (headed by comedian Pirkka-Pekka Petellius) display icy composure, whether dispatching Rossacrantz and Guildenstern to the Oslo Sheraton or braining an

opponent with a radio set.
Considering Rani Julia's assaal shady characters, it seems odd to find him under an archbishop's mitre in Romero (15, Cannon Tottenham Court Road). Oscar Romers, that is: the gentle man of ent against his country's torment and died from an assessin's bullet in 1980. Worthiness drips from this venture by Paulist Pictures, an patfit dedicated to homeoltoriso entertainment. Julia's aura of simple dignity helps smooth Roto protesting tion. A firebrand director might have avoided stereotypes of the peasants and military and sharpened the political thrust. But the safe, decent Romero, directed by the Austra-Ken Tolon Perions lian John Duigna, was never meant to be agit-prop.

### Tapping a gold mine

A weekly selection of terms re-cently released on video. The year refers to the date of first re-leans, or in the case of television films, of liest broadcast.

BERT RIGHY, YOU'RE A
FOCL (Warner, 15): Carl Relren's whimeical vehicle for
Robert Lindsay, stage star of
Me and My Giri — cast as a
British miner, with a gift for
hoofing, at large in Hollywood. Thin and tiresome, deapite Lindsay's talent. 1989.

CLEOPATRA (CSS/Fox, PG): Joseph Manklewicz's 1953 epic, spread over two cassettes — an ornate, dreary trudge through the familiar story, though Rex Harrison has a good time as the acerbic sar. Taylor and Burton's performances now seem

off-screen antics. DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUN DRELS (Virgin, PG): Filmsy but turny remake of the 1964 Beclime Story, with Steve Mar-tin and Michael Coins as competing commen (one alick, one shaggy) working the French Riviera. Directed by Frank Oz. 1989.

GETTING IT RIGHT (Meduaa, 15): Swinging London this strained version of Elizaabout a hairdresser's belated Introduction to sax. With Jesse Birdsnil, Helon Bonham Carter; directed, improba-bly, by Randel Kleiser, who gave us Greese. 1989.

MAJOR LEAGUE (BriVA) world, 15): Predictable me-terial - misfit baseball team with vigour and a degree of rude charm by writer-director David Ward. The team's pin-ups include Tom Berenger and Charlla Sheen, 1969. VIDEOBOX Geoff Brown

THE NAKED AND THE DEAD (Odyssey, PG): Norman Mailer's gutsy war novel about a platoon in the Pacific gets somewhat flatiened by Hollywood's stsamroller. Shareotyped characters, but punchy action scenes. Reoul Walsh directs. 1958.

PAPERNOUSE (Vestron, 15): A disturbed girl's drawings of an imaginary house come to life in her dreams cue for a British horror fantasy with far more imagination than most. A promising de-but by rock-video director Ber-

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE (Warner, PG): Uninvolving at-tempt to update the smoky wood of 1940s thrillers, with Burt Reynolds as a dishevelled ex-cop facing a murder charge and Theresa Rus-sell as his defence counsal, choked with designer jewellry, Lacklustre direction by Michael Criohton, 1989.

SHALAKO (Warner, PG): with a potent cast (Sean Connery, Brighte Bardot) and a good subject (an aris-tocratic safari is caught among Apaches). Dream of the film that might have been. Directed by Erbard Droubok. 1988 by Edward Dmytryk. 1968.

WHO'S HARRY CRUMBY (PG): John Candy as an celleh orivate eye investigating a kidnepping. Mauled by most critics, though if your furmybone is in a silly position there are enough things to enjoy. Paul Flaherty directs as though he were filming a live-action comic-strip. 1989.

### Tornatore's Paradiso lost and regained

iuseppe Tornatore knows by heart what the critics wrote about Cinema Paradiso when it first came out in Italy. "It is full of historical mistakes", "Philippe Noiret acts like a car-toon character", "It is anti-feminist because the women in it are anti-cinema", "The music is terrible", "Because Tornatore is young, he must have stolen the subject from someone else", "It is too melodramatic", "Tornatore is too ambitious and trying to be an Orson Welles", "The language is that of a TV feature", "It is a that of a TV feature", "It is a blackmailing picture". Well, those

Lolita Davidovich as Blaze Starr: the good-time girl who gets her man

are just some of them. "Above all they said it was too long. It ran two and a half hours, so out of despair I cut out 25 minutes, which I regret very much. And of course they criticized the shorter version just the same. In fact they were harder than before. It was not all the Italian critics, but unfortunately it was the most influential ones."

Outside Italy, the film has been a major critical success; and even in Italy, Tornatore's fellow directors are enthusiastic and encouraging. The veteran director Luigi Comencini told him he had "reconciled him with cinema" and Alberto Lattuada rejoiced to be face to face with a true film maker".

"When the original version came out," says Tornatore, "it was a total flop - box office, critics, everything. It did really badly. It was taken off almost immediately. I simply couldn't find a movie house that would show it. That's when I cut it. And then came the miracle of Cannes. People liked the film, and it ended up getting the Grand Prix of the Jury. After that the attitude of the Italian public changed; but not the

Is it possible that the critics acted out of some misguided sense of solidarity with the veteran Ettore Scola, whose film Splendor, also about the rise and decline of a provincial movie theatre, came out at the same time? (Scola's film was shown in London last year.)

David Robinson meets the Sicilian director whose nostalgic film won a Grand Prix at Cannes despite a critical mauling in Italy



Defiantly ancate: Salvatore Cascio as the small boy obsessed with the behind-the-scenes magic of cinema

idiouc. For one thing, Scola himself was very nice about my film; and for another the two pictures are entirely different.

Of course it is a funny co-incidence that we should both make films about nostalgia for the great days of cinema; but that's all they have in common. Scola's approach is much more infcliecutal and modern. I have a more narrative approach, with a more classical, maybe more banal

"Also, the movies shown in Scola's Cinema Splendor are always works by great directors, to mean anything to the people. If

everything - bad, good, adven-tures, big box office films, the lot. I feel my film is more realistic, while Scola is more symbolic. And I think I am more concerned with the magic and nostalgia.

"But the subject is in the air maybe because the situation of movie theatres is so bad now. I hear that Peter Bogdanovich is making a sequel to The Last Picture Show. The movie house is losing its central role in the relationship between the andience and the movie. It is the same as if the church in Italy were no longer

"Maybe, though it would be while my Cinema Paradiso shows that happened we would be making movies about the disappearance of the churches." A small, neat, bespeciacled man

with a face which alternates between broad beaming and sudden looks of deep anxiety, Tornatore was born 33 years ago in Bagheria, a village near Pa-lermo in Sicily. He first worked as a photographer, but then turned to making documentaries for television. His first feature film, made in 1987, was Il Camorista, starring Ben Gazzara, about the Mafia in Naples, and the links between organized crime and the state.
The subject could hardly be

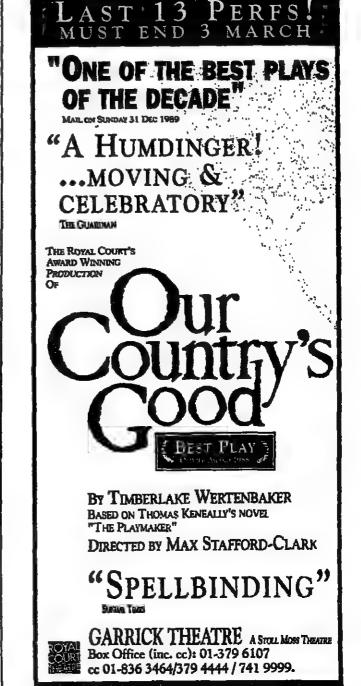
further from Cinema Paradiso. "I want every movie to be different. Also I didn't want to have anything autobiographical in the first film. It's dangerous for new directors to do that."

Cinema Paradiso is "about ten per cent autobiography, the relationship of the little boy to the movie theatre. Although the ideas and the memories are mine, the things that happen are fiction," Does he personally remember a time when the cinema was the focus of the community, along with the church? "I started to go to the movies when I was about four or five years old, around 28 years ago. Small-town life in Sicily had hardly changed since the Forties and Fifties."

So the atmosphere of the place and the situation of the cinema theatres in the film is very much what he experienced as a child. "But since I decided to set the film at the end of the Forties and beginning of the Fifties, I did a lot of historical research, talking to old projectionists and theatre

proprietors." The detractors of Cinema Paradiso have been somewhat confounded by the film's success abroad. Since Cannes, it has picked up an enviable collection of prizes, including European Film Awards for Philippe Noiret and Tornatore himself, a Golden Globe and the Italian cinema's nomination for the Best Foreign Picture Oscar.

The experience, though, has evidently made Tornatore suspicious of fate. "Were all the bad things that happened to the film in Italy a true tragedy for me or not? Of course I was very miserable and depressed at the time. But sometimes tragedy has an opposite effect. Something very positive can come out of negative thines. The trouble is that now I start to fear that in turn, out of all the positive things that happened afterwards, something negative may come." His big grin suggests, however, that with the vindication provided by world success, the fear is not too serious.



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Dance in miniature

Lyrical: Josephine Jewkes (left), Craig Randolph and Theresa Jarvis in English National Ballet's Aureole

English National Ballet starts a five week tour furiously. Paul Taylor's happily lyrical Aureole, to tourorrow at Bury St Edmunds with a programme music by Handel, and the classical dust from specially designed for towns without a theatre large Bournouville's Flower Festival in Genzano, open the

work which Peter Schaufass developed during his Christopher Bruce's grippingly dramatic Swansong, period as director. Although the conditions rule out At Yeovil and Exeter next week this is replaced by

the biggest productions, these tours offer the chance to Bejart's Song of a Wayfurer and Ben Stevenson's see established and ap-and-coming soloists well popular Three Preludes. Theatre Royal, Westgate displayed in a variety of roles, and the bill is selected Street, Bury St Edmunds (0284 769505), tomorrow

with a good balance of works to represent the full 7,30pm, Saturday 2,30pm and 7,30pm, 24-£11. The

works around in four central characters. The choice of Hall, Ulverston; Civic Theatre, Scunthorpe; Towngate music by Purcell imposes a stately formality under Theatre, Basildon; Connaught Theatre, Worthing; which the dramatic emotions seeth all the more and Arts Theatre, Cambridge.

John Percival

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aciosti. Burbican Centre, SE Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, 24.50-220.

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enough to take the full company. This is a side of their

range of the company's repertoire. The tour pro-gramme includes the premier of *The Moor's Pavana*, José Limón's adaptation of the story of Othello which

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\* THE CHERRY ORCHARD: Jud Dench heads an outstanding cast in major production by Sam Mendes. Aldwych Theatra, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 6404). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30-10pm, Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4-6.30pm, £5.50-£16.50.

A HANGOVER SQUARE: Adaptation of Patrick Hemilton's macabre thriller set on the eve of the Second World War, with two actresses playing the role of the heroine. Lyric Studio Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Set 8pm, mat Set 4.30pm, £8,

☆ LONDON ASSURANCE: Paul A LONDON ASSURANCE: Pair Eddington an amusing ageing beau, with Angela Thome in otherwise so-so production from Chichester. Theatre Royal, Haymarket SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadity Crous. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Thurs 3-5.10pm and Sat 4-6.10pm, 26-216. (D)

PLAYING WITH TRAINS Michael Pennington returns to the RSC as an inventor in trouble with his family in Stephen Pollakoff's new play.
The Pit, Bartican, Silk Street, London
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Camero Conford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.40, 3.15, 5.50, 8.25. SCENES FROM THE CLASS STRUGGLE IN DEVERLY HILLS (15):

IN TURNER AND HOOCH (PG): predictable cop-and-dog entics given some charm by Tom Harries as the police investigator (90 min).
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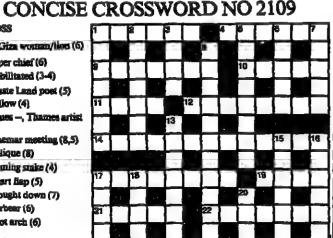
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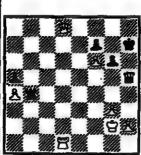
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Powerfully sung new production for Scottish Opera by Elijah Moshinsky is conducted by John Mauceri with Verdi's onginal Projude and final scene. Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234),5.45-10.30pm, £3-£25.50.

→ THE MERRY WIDOW: Opera 80's new travelling production by Wilfred Judd is conducted by Stephen Barlow with Heather Lonner in the title role. Northcott Theatre, Exeter (0392-54853). 7.30-10pm, £8-£12.

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A EBERHARD WEBER: Reverso In some quarters, the introvert double bass player gives a solo recital exploiting multi-tracking technology. Support from the Cottrane-inspired saxophonist, Ed Jones.

Band On The Wall, Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 6625), 8.30pm, 25. A MARK MURPHY: Popular with a new generation of listeners, the relexed American singer continues his extended

Pizza On The Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 5550), 9.15pm and 11.15pm, 210. Until March 3.

#### GALLERIES

BRITISH MODERNISH: Works by Henry Moore and his Hampstead circle in the 1930s when, for a brief moment, the European centre of avant-garde activity transferred temporarily to London. Leeds City Art Gallery, The Headrow, (0532 462495). Mon-Pri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2-5pm, tree, until Apr

HERE TO STAY: (see picture below) Tramway, 25 Albert Drive, Glasgow (041 423 9527). Daily 10am-10pm, free, until



Sculptor David Mach, whose previous activities have included building a Greek temple from car tyres in Edinburgh, begins a new piece today at Tramway in Glas-gow (see listing). Called *Here To* Stay, its precise form will become apparent only as construction advances. Like most of Mach's recent works it will be made from stacking up to 100 tons of ensold magazines and will be made in public, a practice intended to demystify the making of scalpture. Also like Mach's recent inspirations, it will be dismantied at the end of the show and the magazines

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PETER LEE: Screenprints, also drypoint stohings by Anna Klein. Tall House Gallery, 134 Southwark Street, London SET (01-401 2929). Mon-Fri Barn-8pm, free, until Apr 20. ARSHELE GORKY (1904-1948): A career survey of a key abstract peinter in the development of American art. Whitechapet Art Gallery, Whitechapet High Street, London ET (01-377 0107). Tues-Sun 11am-5pm, £3, until Mar 25,

#### DANCE

★ SWAN LAKE: Altynei Asylmuratora as guest with the Royal Ballet. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30pm, 21-

☆ COLLAGE: New work by Dutch choreographer Beppi Stankert with Vocem electronic singers. The Piace, Dutes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8pm, 26. (D) ☆ GISELLE: New production by Christopher Gable for Northern Ballet.

Grand Theatres, Blackpool (0253 28372), 7.30pm, mat 2pm, 27-212 (mat half price).

& LA TRAVIATA: André Prokovsky's creation for London City Ballet. Festival Theatre, Chichester (0243 781312), 7.30pm, mat 2.30pm, 25.50

#### OTHER EVENTS

POETRY EVENT: John Heath-Stubba chairs the evening which sees the launch of Keith Bosley's new translation of Luis de Carnoes' (the first national poet of Portugal) spic poem The Luista. A reinted exhibition sport of the sees the sees of the accompanies the reading.

The Poetry Suriety, National Poetry Centre, 21 Earl's Court Square, London SW5 (01-373 7881). Reception 6.30pm, reading 7.30pm. Adult £4, student £3.58. PUTTING ON A NEW FACE Half Torns activity for children, organized by the Commonwealth institute — Chinese Opera mask-making workshops under the direction of Yap Hi Chu. The Museum Store, 37 The Prizza, Covent Garden, London WC2. Today, tomorrow 2.30pm and 3.30pm, Set 2pm, free. Booking, Deborah Green (01-503 -4535.)

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Nectornal Therefore, South Burrie, London SET (01-926 2252).

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Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Pitmer. Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harriou; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock; David Sincial; Jazz: Cive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Other Events: Judy Froshau; Whitabau;

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Mary Henry: the 78-year-old widow in her musquash coat (BBC2, 9.30pm)

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of the Fifties, regrets the passing of the fur-trimmed premieres and her present attitude is equivocal: "I am for wildlife but I am also for glamour". And a 78year-old working-class widow from Tyneside recalls her miner husband Tyneside recalls her miner nusband finally being able to redeem his promise to buy her a fur coat: "I didn't feel as if I'd been lifted up socially. But I did feel we'd achieved something". On the other side of the fence, the former model Baroness Thyssen stopped wearing fur 15 years ago after an appeal from the World Wildlife Fund and Kate O'Mara Subarra Serre in in refused to wear furs in the rich person's soap opera, Howard's Way. The muestion of which, and how many, members of the Royal family sport fur is tentatively posed and quickly dropped. And the factoring It would not do to encourage demos outside Buckingham Palace. Pitman points out that the anti-fur campaign has had little success outside Britain, where animals do not occupy the same place in the national consciousness. It has had no effect on one citizen of the United States. Asked to justify herself, Eartha Kitt replies disarmingly. "Fur keeps me warm, much more than a man. You guys come and go, the fur's always there • Launching a series that will also take answerphone and the condom, Small Objects of Desire (BBC2, 10.10pm) charts the curious history of the deodorant. Anyone who thought that rollons and squirt-ons were a phenomenon of the present century will be quickly disabused. The ancient Egyptians achieved a similar effect with a mixture of frankincense and porridge. But this imaginative little film concentrates on relatively recent attempts to banish natural smells and the way this has been presented by advertising, as the emphasis on social ostracism (remember the horrors of BO?) has given way to linking deodorants with sexual athleticism.

#### BBC 1

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Nicholas Witchell and Chris Lowe.
Includes regular news headlines,
business reports, sports bulletins,
regional news, weather and travel
information, and a review of the
morning newspapers by Paul
Callan 8.55 Regional news and

9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers comment on

yesterday's television. To contribute nng 061 814 0424

9.20 Kitroy. Robert Kitroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject

10.00 News and weather followed by

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10.25 Children's BBC, presented by Smon Parkin, begins with Playdays which visits Scotlandwell, Tayside (r) 10.50 Roobarh narrated by Richard Briers (r) 10.55 Five to Elevan, Geraldine McEwan with a tearling.

Eleven. Geraldine McEwan with a reading 11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. With Earmonn Holmes, Jayne Irving and Roy Sheppard 12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Presented by Alan Trichmarsh and Judi Spiers. Includes another in the occasional We'll Meet Again series that brings absent friends and relatives together 12.55 Regional news and weather

and warrier 1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk, Weather 1.30 Neighbours, Bronwyn and Henry are in for a shock when Aunt Edie arrives home unexpectedly.
(Ceefax) 1.50 Going for Gold. Henry
Kelly with another round of the
European general knowledge quiz

2.15 Films The Picture Show Man (1977) starring Rod Taylor and John Meillon. Set in Australia during the 1920s, the story of Mr Pyrm, whose vocation as a travelling film movie projectionist is threatened when a newcomer, an American, arrives on the scene. Based on Lyall

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Penn's autobiography and
directed by John Power

3.50 Chartie Chaite. With the volcas of
Michael Williams, John Wells and
Barbara Leigh-Hunt (r) 4.05
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Douglas Hodge with part four of
Nina Bawden's The Finding 4.25
New Yogi Bear SHow 4.35 Dizzy
Heights. Comedy saries set in a
seaside hotel. Starring Alan Heap
and Mick Wall

Newsround 5.05 Diss Peter. Introduced by Diane Louise Jordan, John Lesiie and Yvette Fielding.

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1.33 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)

1.40 Sh. O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Jill Dando, Weather 6.30 Newsoom South East 7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by

Mark Goodier (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1)
7.30 EastEnders. Cindy is sure that Vicksy is about to let the truth out; two new arrivals in the Square look like causing trouble; there is a sad discovery for Dot; and, as

Sad discovery for Loci, end, as Danny prepares to leave for Newcastle, will Michelle have a least minute change of heart? (Cast Temorrow's World. Peter Macann reports from Japan on the latest reports includes robot research, which includes robot guide dogs for the blind and the rent-a-robot tourist guide. With Judith Hann, Howard Stableford and

Kate Bellingham Brush Strokes. The start of a new series about decerator Jacko, who returns from his free-wheeling adventures abroad and finds he is in overnors and room and mass he are for a few unhaulthy shocks from ex-fiance, family and triends.
Starring Karl Howmen, Ekzabeth Coursel and Jackle Lye. (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather

9.30 Sep Erics — the Man from Austin.

The garrulous Ben Elton continues his stand-up, sit-down continues his stand-up, sit-down constinues his stand-up, sit-down constinues his stand-up, sit-down constitues of life and the universe long of Shellar Peter Sissons is joined by Shella McKechnie, director of Shellar, Dr Kim Howalle, Labour MP for Pontypridd; David Willetts, director of studies at the Centre for Policy Studies; and the veteran politician Enoch Powell

11.00 Cagney and Lacey: Cry for Help. When Chris and Mary Beth receive a call from a woman who is unable to bear her husband's physical abuse any longer, problems arise when she tells them he is a policeman. Starring Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly (r)

#### ITV/LONDON

**5.00 TV-am** begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented Richard Keys and, from **7.00**, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. Includes news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 2.00 and 2.30 8.50
Wacaday with Timmy Mailett
9.25 The Pyramid Game. Outs show
9.85 Thamas News and weather

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a topical discussion 10.40 This Morning. Magazine senes presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes items on family health. ns encountered by the

problems encountered by the Over-60s, soap opera gossip and teaching children to read. With mational and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather 12.10 The Riddhers. For the young 12.30 Home and Away. There is a new arrival in the shape of Nigel Taggart, Morag's blind assistant; problems abound in Lance and Martin's friendship; and Morag's housewarming causes a stir in Summer Bay

Summer Bay 1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Westher 1.20 Themes News and

weather

1.30 Wish You Were Here
includes Shaw Taylor cruising on the
Canberra (r). (Oracle) 2.00 A
Country Practice. Brendan brings a
girl suffering from polic to the
hospital after she is abandoned by
her matter. 3.00 Win, Lose or Draw. Game show

prsented by Danny Baker 3.25
Thames News and weather 3.30
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adventures (r)

4.40 Press Geng: At Last a Oragon.

There are more than a few hiccups on the big night of the editor's cocktail party. But the question is, once career-minded Lynda has got over her nerves, and Spike has survived his meeting with Shelikh Nabeel Hallz, will their date be sealed with a kiss? Starring Julia Nation Halls, will their date to set with a kiss? Starring Julia Sawalha und Dexter Flotcher. (Oracle) 5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts

another round of the general knowledge guiz for teenagers 5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong.

6.40 News with Fiona Armstrong.
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.25 Thames News and weather
6.50 Thames Help examines the
Community Charge Transitional
Relief Scheme. Presented by
Jackie Spreckley
7.00 Emmerdale. Alan Turner has an
accident and Frank Tate has a battle
on his hands when a secret from
the past threatens to return with a
vengeance

the past intreaters to return with a vengeance
7.30 Science Fiction: Little Green Man? A series of dramatized stories that are stranger than fiction.
Tonight, a true tale of discovery behind some strange radio signals from outer space
3.00 The Bill Legacies. Tosh Lines does his best to prevent Tina Benskin, a burgiar's daughter, failing into a life of crime despits Burnaide's warming that he is

Burnside's warring that he is wasting his time. (Oracle)

8.30 This Week: The Truth About Alds. An examination of the evidence behind the Alds epidemic and a lock at the politics of the television campaign about the disease s.00 The Adventures of Sheriock Holmes: The Firmt Problem. In this last episode of the series, Holmes

is about to close the net he has woven round Professor Morlarty woven round Professor Morierty
(r). (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gell and
Julia Somerville. Weather 10.30
Thames News and weather

10.25 The City Programme looks at the
future of the advertising industry

11.05 01- For London. A critical guide to
the capital's entertainments scens.
Followed by Crimestoppers

11.40 Prisoner: Call Block H. Drama sat In an Australian women's prison 12.30mm A Problem Aired. Dr John

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Cobb gives advice on a viewer's
personal and emotional problems
1.00 Superstars of Wrestilling
2.00 Newn headlines followed by
Hollywood Wives. In the concluding
episode of this mini-series,
Hottywood society is shocked by the
news of Neil Gray's affair with
Gina Germaine, but more startling
revelations are in store from a
disturbed young man (r)

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4.00 News headlines followed by Three's Company. Comedy series
4.30 America's Top Ten (r)
5.00 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00

#### **BBC 2**

6.45 Open University: Whose Account Counts? Ends at 7.10 6.00 News 6.15 Westminster 9.00 Certax

9.20 Daytime on Two: fuels for generating electricity 9.40 Independence for the disabled 10.00 Assthatics 10.20 Science challenge 19.40 Young technologists tackle a problem faced by Brunel 11.00 Working an arable farm 11.20 Science and sport 11.40 Tutonal topics 12.03 Working in an office 12.25 The Soviet Union's disappearing Aral Sea 12.50 Science for the young 1.20 Fingermouse 1.40 Music

2.00 News and weather followed by an unimated version of Prokohov's Peter and the Wolf 2.15 Amiques

Roadshow (r). (Ceefax)
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4.00 Creat Railway Journeys of the World. Brian Thompson journeys across southern India on the 85 Down Madras Mail (r). (Ceefax)
5.00 It Doesn't Have To Hustl (r). (Ceefax) 5.10 Horizon: The First 14 Days (r). (Ceefax) 5.10 Horizon: The Maggie (1954, b/w) starring Paul Douglas. Eating comedy about a Scottish skipper's attempts to save his small ship from the scrapyard by winning a hurative cargo, Directed by Alexander Mackendrick. (Ceefax) 7.30 Wideworld: Manning Sambarra. German-born Sylva Jenkins, who lives with hor Samburu husband and her 11-year-old child on the plains of northern Kenya, presents her view of tribal life 8.20 Notes in the Margia 1980-89: Critizens. In this last programme Will Hutton, editor of the European Business Channel, looks at political and economic citizenship 9.00 The Comic Strip Presents . . . Oxford. A tale of sex, spes, scandal and scholarship 9.30 Histories. Adventure in the

Oxford. A tale of sex, spies, scandal and scholarship

2.30 40 Minuter: Adventures in the Skin Trade. (Ceefax) (see Choice)

10.10 Small Objects of Desire: The Decorati (see Choice)

10.30 Newsnight

11.15 The Late Show 11.35 Weather

12.00 Open University: Weekend Outlook 12.05am Development and Learning. Ends at 12.35

#### CHANNEL 4

0.00 The Channel Four Dally

9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme, with
Sue Comeron
12.30 Business Daily presented by
Susannah Smorts

2.00 Film: Only Yesterday (1933, b/w)
starring Margaret Sullavan and John
Boles. Comempiating suicide
after losing everything in the Wall
Street crash, James Emerson

Street crash, James Emerson
unexpectedly meets the woman who
bore him a child several years
earter. Directed by John M. Stahl
4.00 Not on Sunday hears from vicers
who have to repress their
homosexual identity because of
the Church of England's ambiguous

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4.20 Countdown
5.00 Treasure Hunt in the East Midlands (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Nest and Tidy. A wimp-like motor mechanic races across France on his Harley Davidson with a Mafia goddaughter, hotty pursued by two fired hitmen (r)
6.30 Kets and Alie. The two single-parent divorcees pretend to be a lesbian couple in order to avoid a two-family rent increase (r)

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7.00 Charmel Four Mana with Nicholas Owen and Zenab Badawi
7.50 Comment followed by Weather,
8,00 Brass. Toright, while Bradley's empire is crashing, Hesketh is called to arms by the Spanish Civil War
(r)

8.30 The Crystal Maze. Rocky Horror

8.30 The Crystal Maze. Rocky Horror Show creator Richard O'Brien introduces this new-style movement show, which includes challenges that are divided into four distinct sectors; furnistic, industrial, mediaval and jungle.

9.30 Film: The Dead (1987) starring Angelica Huston and Donal McCann. John Huston's final film, adapted from a James Joyce short story, examines turn-of-the-century Dubin society, focusing on an Epiphany party given by two eliderty sisters and their niece 11.00 Sumo. Japanese wrestling 11.35 Film: The Hive (1983). A drama whose customers are those who

whose customers are those who refuse to conform to society's laws. Directed by Mario Carnus. In Spanish with English subtities. Ends at 1.40am

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and Lacey 12.20cm Weather NORTHERM
IRELAND: 5.35cm Sportswide 5.40-6.00 Inside
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10.30 News 10.50 Nighthawke 11.30 Ever Decreasing

#### SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.30 European Business Report
5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ
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New Price Is Right 10.30 The Young
Doctors 11.00 Sky By Day 12.00
Another World 1.00pm As The World Turns
2.00 Leving 2.30 A Problem Shared
3.00 Here's Lucy 3.30 Dennis 3.45 Captain
Cavernan 4.00 The Adventures of
Gulliver 4.25 Motor Mouse 4.30 The New
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#### SKY NEWS

5.00mm International Business Report
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Frank Bough 11.30 International Business
Report 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30
Parliament Live 3.15 PM's Question Time
3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 NBC Today
5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30
The Reporters 8.30 Frank Bough 9.30
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Nightly News 12.30am Frank Bough
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Prom 6.00am The Shopping Channel 2.00pm Taking Care of Terrific: A young girl meets a trio of eccentric

3.00 Rookie of the Year: A tomboy wins a place on an all-boy baseball team 4.00 Yogi's Great Escape: Animated

film
6.00 The Amazing Howard Hughes —
Part Two (1977): Starring Tommy Lee Jones
an the reclusive millionaire
7.40 Entertainment Toright
8.00 The Long Journey Home (1987): A
husband naturns home from the Vietnam
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War 9.40 Projector: Movies on Sky 10.00 Deadly intentions: A man plots to dispose of his write 11.45 Sugar Hill (1974): A deal is struck with Baron Samed when the Mafia murder Sugar Hill's fiance

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1.15mm The Fly (1986): A scientist's
experiment with a matter-transporter goes
terribly wrong. Starring Jeff Goldblum

4.00 Power (1986): Richard Gere as a
media manipulator who grows to detest his work, Ends at 5.50 am

#### EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One 8.30 Menu 9.00
Football 11.00 Commonwealth Cycling
Classic from Australia 12.00 Stutigart
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Hedges Masters 5.00 World Cup Nordic
Skiing 6.00 Mobil 1 Motor Sport News 6.30
Trax 7.00 European Basketball 10.00
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6.00am Kristiane Backer 11.00
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10.15 Maiken Wexo 1.00am Videos

#### **SCREENSPORT**

7.00mm Powersports 8.00 World Rally Championships 9.00 1990 Martini Fencing Championships 10.00 Golf 12.00 1989 Ultimate Yacht Race 12.45mm Ski Jumping 2.15 Spain Spain Spain Sport 2.30 French Rugby League 4.00 Spanish Soccer 6.00 Rugby League 7.30 1989 Argentinian Football 9.15 Pro Bowlers 10.30 US Besidentall 12.00 US Pro Ski Tour 12.30am Sport an Franca

LIFESTYLE

10.00mm Jake's Fitness Minute 10.01
Search for Tomorrow 10.30 Silm Cooking
10.35 Spain Spain Holiday 11.00
Coffee Break 11.10 Edge of Night 11.35
Great American Gameshows 12.50pm
Style File 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50
The Rich Also Cry 2.40 Search for
Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.10 Cinema
4.45 Great American Gameshows

 Full information on natallita TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

#### RADIO 1

#### RADIO 2

News on the hour. Headlines
5.30-m, 6.30, 7.30, 6.30
6.00-m Alex Laster 6.30
Chris Stuart 7.30 Denk Jameson
9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy
Young 1.05-pm David Jacobs 2.00
Gloria Humiliord 2.30 Adrian Glorie Hunniford 3-30 Adrian Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Best in Country Music 9.05 Paul Jones, including a session from Lost Highway 10.00 Pull the other One! 10-30 The Houghton Weavers 11.05 Round Midnight 1.00am Nightride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

Social Morgammagazin S.35 News In German; Headlines in English and French S.47 Sports News 5.50 Financial News 5.50 Financial News 5.55 Weather and Travel Nervis G.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News 7.30 Write On 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 The Voyaget of Captain Cook 8.30 John Peel 9.00 World News 9.09 Perish 7.00 World News 9.09 Financial News 7.30 Financial News 7.30 Peel 9.00 World News 9.09 Servisw of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News; Sports Roundup 9.45 Society Today 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Assignment 10.30 Radio Active 11.00 World News; 11.00 News About Britain 11.15 New Holeas 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Med Magazine 12.00 Newsreel 12.15pm Multitrack 2 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.08 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Jazz Scene UK 2.00 World News Cutlook 2.30 Off the Shelt: Confedence Man 2.45 Write On 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aduel 7.00 German Features 7.54 Nachrichten 8.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Heute Aduel 7.00 German Features 7.54 Nachrichten 8.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Newshout 11.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Newshout 1.10 World News 1.15 Down Newshout 1.10 World News 1.15 Sports Roundup 9.15 Seven Sees 9.30 Stories by Katherine Mansfield 2.00 World News 1.15 Music Review 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30em Gold and Silver 1.30 Lazz Scene UK 1.45 Stories by Katherine Mansfield 2.00 World News 1.15 Seven Sees 9.30 Stories by Katherine Mansfield 2.00 World News 1.15 The World Today 3.36 Focus on Feith 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Nachrichten und Presseschau

E.35am Open University (FM only): Maths – The Bisaction Method

9.55 Weather and News Headflons

7.00 Morning Concert: Boyce (Symptony No 4 in F: English Concert under Trever Pinnock); Prokofiev (Symptonic Suite from Lieutenant Kijé: London Prillharmonic Orchestra under Klaus Tennstedi)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Rameau (Dences from Hiopolyte et Aricie: La Petit

Rameau (Dences from Hippolyte et Aricie: La Petite Bande under Siglsmad Kuijken); Mozart (Concerto in F. K 413 – version for piano and string quartet: Quatuor Muir, with Jean-Philippe Collard piano); Saint-Saëns (Septet in E fast. Op 65: Trìo à Cordes Français, with Maurica André, trumpet, Michel Béroff, piano, Alain Mogila, violin, Jacques Cazauran, double-bass)

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8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Scandinanten Season. Grieg (Old Norwegian Melody with Variations, Op 51: Gothenburg Symphomy Onchestra under Neems Järvi; Violin Sonata No 2 in G, Op 13: Arve Tellefsen, violin, Eva Knardahl, plano; Four Lyric Pleess, Op 71 – Once upon a Time; Puck; Gone; Remembrances: Emili Gilets, plano)

9.35 Tippett's First Symphomy performed by the London Symphomy Orchestra under Colin Davis

10.15 Mendelssohn and Dvořák: Stuttgart Pjano Trio

Stattgart Piano Trio performs Mendelaschin (Piano Trio in C minor, Op 86); Dvořák (Piano Trio, Op 90 "Durnky") (r)

11.20 Concert from Leeds: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Alexander Rahbari, led by Dennis Simons, with Claude Frank, plano, performs Dvorak (Overture, Carnival); Beethoven (Plano Concerto No 1 in C); Strauss (Symphonic poem, Also sorach Zarathustra), Incl 12.15pm Interval Reading. From Leads Town Hall

1.00pen News 1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert The fourth of six The fourth of six programmes five from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristot, James Dower, flute, John Lenehan, piano, perform Reinecke (Flute Sonata, Op 167 "Undine"); Debussy, arr Karl Lenski (Bilitis); François Borne, arr R. Wilson (Carmen Fantasy)

RADIO 3 2.00 Zoroastre: Opera in five acts, with music by Rameeu and libratto by Louts de Catusac. Performed by La Petite Burde under Sigiswald Kuljken; Collegium Vocsale of Ghent, with John Elwes, tenor, Gregory Reinhart, bass, Make van der Sales, soprano, Jacques Bona, bass, Philippe Cantor, barttone, Greta de Reyghere, soprano, Agres

Reyghere, soprano, Agnés Mellon, soprano, Michel Verschaeve, baritone, François Fauché, bass, (1756 version: sung in French)

8.30 Mainly for Pleasure:
Presented by Valentine
Curningham

7.00 Mews
7.05 Third Ear: Soundhisvien
Sesson. Michael Hall in
conversation with the
Norwegian composer Arme
Nordhelm Northelm
7,30 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Grieg (Peer Gynt Suite No 1): Sloekus (Symphony No 7) 8,15 Out of Denimerk. Jane Stavin reads from Letter from Africa by lask Oinesen, the real name of Danish author Karen Bloom who wrom Out of Africa C35 Nolsen (Symphony No 4). Live from St David's Half, Cardiff, as part of Radio 3's Scandiniavian Season Scandiniavian Season Spender from the letters

Spender from the letters and journals of Camille. beautiful and tulored beautiful and tulumed sculptress, she was destined to append her last years in an asylum, despite being the sister of Paul Claudel and student and lover of Auguste Rodin. With Harrist Water as Camilie, John Mottatt as Paul Claudel and Denia Lilles Rodin (7)

Buto Music in Our Time: Music from the ISCM/Gaudeamus

from the ISCM/Geudeamus New Music Week held in Amstardam last September is introduced by Justin Connelly, Ian Wilcock (For the Republic; John Kenny, baritone); Saariaho (Nymphea: Arditti Quartet); Alejandro Iglesias Rossi (Salamanca: Bela Santa, cello); Jonathan Hervey (Timepieces: Dutch Radio PO under Gunther Schuller) 11.00 Composers of the Week: Shostakovich —

Propagandist! Ceremonial March; Battle on the Volga; Symphony No 12, 1917 (r)

12.00 Novs 12.05am Close

#### RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Brieting; Weather
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30
Today, with Brian Redhead
and Sue MacGregor, Incl
6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 6.00,
8.30 News 6.55, 7.25,
Weather 8.35 Yesterday in
Parliamont 4.57 Weather

9.05 Page the Facts with John Waite (r)
9.30 All in the Mind: Professor
Anthony Clare with the
magazine devoted to
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10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling and Lionel Kelleway present this week's programme from North Wales

10.45 An Act Of Worship (a)

11.00 News: Citizens

11.25 In Exile: Jonathan Steinberg talks to four expatriates who have settled in Entain. Part 2: Dr Cesar Misstein, Argentinian Nobel Prizewinner, consider whether his scientific achievements owe more to his native

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Argentina or to his adopted home in Cambridge

11.50 First Person: Series of talks by first-time broadcasters. Adeals Solanke talks about her first visit to Nigeria in search of her roots

12.00 News; Your and Yours with John Hoverd

12.25pm Smiley's People; Sevenpart dramatization of John Le Carm's nown, With Bernard Hepton (2) (s) (r)

12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
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2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
Presented by Jenni Murray.
An interview with Genista
McIntosh, besociate director
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of the Hoyal Shakespeara Company; a discussion on the emobonal and saxual abuse against women by inen in positions of authority; and an item on mini-double bass players, designed with children in mind blasses. Still like Peloting. mind
3.90 News; Still Life Painting:
Piay by Stephen Mallatratt.
To paint a tribute to her late
husband, Jean (Elleen
O'Brien) returns to the
clifttop studio. However, she
sees something reflected in
the window.

4.05 Nows
4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Fords
discusses the editor-author
relationship with publishing
directors Liz Calder, Andrew
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20 Film Star: In the third of eight programmes, Alexander Walker profiles James Dean (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Soundtrack: Turning the Seasons (s) (see Choice)

8.00 Analysis: Dollars, Debts and Dependence. Roland Dallas asks if the United States, as the world's largest debtor nation, can maintain its economic predominance as Japanese and German soonomic influence continues to grow

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8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Katl Whitaker with the magazine for people with disabilities

9.15 Kaleidoscope: Brian Sibley reviews Barry Paris's book Louise Brooks; extracts from the readings of poets Grace Nicrols and E.A. Markham at the Voice Box on the South Bank, a feature on comics and graphic rovels; and an interview with Michael Nyman, the man behind the music in Peter Greenaway's films (s)

Nyman, the man behind the music in Peter Greenaway's films (s)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight 10.00 The Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book At Bactime: Sick Heart River, by John Buchan (4 of 10)

11.00 The Blackburn Files: Part 3: A Case of Brotherly Love. Five-part amateur detective specify by Isin McMillan, Martin Wiley and Dave Sheasby. Starring Fine-Time Fontayne as Stephen J. Blackburn (s)

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.30.m News, ind 12.20 Weather 12.23 Shipping Forecast

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1.55 PM (continued) 11.30

12.10.am Open University: Education — The Piebs' League 12.30-1.10 Night School (s)

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#### RADIO CHOICE)

#### Peter Davalle

 Senndtrack (Radio 4 7.20pm), the you-are-there se ries, is, by its very nature, a hit and miss affair. You can't expect studio quality when the microphone is prowling about or cavesdropping, and a sound engineer would be sent off with a flea in his ear if he asked someone to "speak clearly, please, or the listener won't like it." But I have more

conflicting values (R4, 7.20pm) than once rolled my eyes around with frustration because key words in Soundtrack have been lost. Turning the Seasons, this week's 40 minutes' worth of actuality, is only sporadically incomprehensible. In Tim Malyon's report on last year's autumn equinox celebrations at Stonehenge, I distinctly heard one pilgrim tell a police officer that God would strike her down if she wasn't allowed to touch the stones, and another explain how he had spent 24 hours behind bars for reading out those bits of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights he had picked out with a yellow marker pencil. Also coming over loud and clear was a roaring of human lions,



a fiddle playing the Skye Boat Song and a double-decker bus dweller quoting the RAF motto she had appropriated.

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### Belgrade imposes Kosovo curfew

From Richard Bassett

The sting of tear gas hung over Pristina, the capital of Yugo-slavia's troubled Kosovo province, last night as the authorities imposed a night curfew throughout the region after a bomb exploded in the town of Pec, injuring several

The curfew came in the wake of the Yugoslav State Presidency's decision on Tuesday to give the Yugoslav Army a more important role in the province, where 33 people have been killed in the past month.

Demonstrations reached a peak earlier on Tuesday when the minority Serbs in Kosovo threatened to bring in armed volunteers to protect them against Albanian demon-strators. It was this that provoked the State Presidency to bring in the Army to prevent a foured escalation of the ethnic conflict into inter-communal

Forest fires were reported near Titova Mitrovica, and Belgrade television suggested that these had been deliberately started by Albanians demanding that emergency measures introduced by the federal Government a year

Photograph.

ago be lifted and that special police units which have since controlled the region be withdrawn.

Pristina was tense yesterday as paramilitary police contin-ued to patrol the city centre. Tear gas fired in a nearby suburb scaled off by security forces drove nearly everyone off the streets.

Most young Albanians in the city said that the new role for the Yugosiva Army would not change things. "It is the same for us whether it is police or Army," a young Albanian member of the Democratic League of Kosovo said.

Yesterday morning more than 30,000 ethnic Albanians attended the funeral in Titova Mitrovica of Selman Vojvoda, a student aged 22, who was killed late on Tuesday night by the police. According to the Albanians, he was yet another victim of police brutality. The Albanians claim that many of their number have been shot in cold blood.

The Pec bomb exploded at the central post office opposite the main hotel. By last night, no one had claimed responsibility for the attack.

A recent colonization cam paign, orchestrated by Serbia in an attempt to bolster the confidence of the 200,000 Serbs living in Kosovo, has angered the province's two million ethnic Albanians, who cannot see why they are denied the right to run their

### Court deaf to noise campaigners



Mrs Joan Rayner, standing on land she farms with her husband Michael, just over a mile from Heathrow. His compensation claim was rejected yesterday.

By Harvey Elliott and Michael Binyon in Brussels

airports learned yesterday that there is nothing the law can do to prevent them suffering noise and pollution from the aircraft taking off and landing over their heads.

The European Court of Haman Rights rejected a claim by two families who live near Heathrow airport that their rights to privacy had been violated. The decision effectively ends a 10-year fight by environments pressure groups for compensation and further curbs on airport operations.

The ruling is important because it is the first time the court has considered

won, the door would have been opened to thousands of similar suits from people living near airports anywhere within the 23 countries covered by the

Mr John Powell, of Esher, Surrey, claimed his house lay under a flight departure route which fell within a

Noise and Number Index considered to be a low noise-annoyance rating. The trusts was used for four months each year. About half a million other people lived within this comour area. The other claimant, Mr Michael Rayner, farms land just over a mile

from the sirport, in direct line with the

perthern runway. His land is fre-

ently flown over, and noise levels are at the maximum permitted. About 6,500 other people near Heathrow are also exposed to as great, or greater,

The chairmants' case was first taken to Strasbourg 10 years ago by the Vederation of Heathrow Anti-Noise Group (FHANG). The court agreed to ler the question of invasion of privacy. However, it said that since then the 1982 Civil Aviation Act land hald down stricter measures to limit noise, and some had been implemented at Heathrow in conaltation with those living nearby.

The court said noise could be abated aircraft followed all the rules, although it admitted that there would

claimants conceded that a big sirport was economically essential to the country and the impact on the environment could not be entirely

liminated. The court said, in essence

that those living near an airport would

have to suffer the consequences. Mrs Evelyn Aflee, chairman of FHANG, which has funded Mr Rayner's fight for the last 10 years, said last night: "This is not a happy day. It seems to me that the judges decision is absurd and we are all terribly upset.

"Those who plan to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow are now going to have a field-day because they will regard this decision as the Europe court giving them the go-shead" she

### Political sketch

### A shocking Nellist security scandal

Mr Tony Banks (Lab. New-ham NW): The hon Gentle-man (Terry Dicks, C, Hayes & Harlington) is living proof that a pig's bladder on a stick can be elected as an MP. Several Hon Members

Mr Speaker: "Order. I know. But although the hon Gentleman's comments may not be very pleasant, they are not unparliamentary."

That was very late on Tuesday. So few were sur-prised, yesterday, when Mr Speaker let Dave Nellist (Lab, Coventry SE) - explain that poll-tax in Coventry would cost his family £189 extra - add: "They're taking my bairns' holiday off them to pay their bloody poll-tax." Junior Minister Chris Chope shot straight back. The House should congratu-

late Mr Nellist as he has registered for the standard community charge at his second home in Wandsworth, thereby ensuring that his community charge is about the lowest in the COMPLEY.

Immediately, poor Speaker was hit by two barrages of protest one (shocked at Nellist's language) from his right; the other (from his left) an assort-ment of yells like "How d'you know where he lives?" and "Securitate!

FCO Minister William Waldgrave had sailed into the Chamber with a Statement about EC Sanctions against South Africa. He almost sunk in the storm now raging. As Mr Speaker begged, then bawled for order, Labour's protesting Environment Shadow, Brian Gould, protested too much.

Particularly in light of what happened next. Waldegrave's Statement (which could have been tricky for the Tories) passed in a trice as no-one was listening - all waiting to raise the Nellist Security Scandal in "points of order etrewards.

Gould rose and recited a list of questions - all variations of "How did the Minister know?". Except one. The jewel in his crown. What were the "security implications" of revealing that an MP lived in Wandsworth? The hush of outrage fell upon Labour.

It was broken by a wave of merriment from the Tories.

Which particular terrorist cell was targeting Nellist, the hard-left bruiser whose most famous remark is "a militant is only a moderate who has got off his knees?

Environment Secretary Chris Patten answered Gould Anyone, he said, could find that Nellist had registered in Wandsworth as he had chosen not to remove his name from the register. As for how ministers knew it was his second home — well, Nellist said his main home was in Coventry "where I understand his name appears - whether or not with security advice - in the telephone directory."

With this the centrepiece of the day's session, the rest of the afternoon danced before us, a patchwork of dissociated images.

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help for the young homeless, sleeping rough — an "inter-national problem" said ju-nior minister Michael Spicer "which I have seen seriously deployed on the streets of Copenhagen" (Labour cries of "Ow big's your 'Ouse?")

There was Sports Minister ColinMoynihan - with no Questions on Sport, looking sad. Perhaps Mrs Thatcher had sent him in with a note: "Can Colin be excused Games today, please, as he has a cold?"

There was Robert "chuff-chuff" Adley (C, Christ-church), worried about antismoke laws and his beloved steam trains, begging min-isters to "lift that dire threat from the hearts and minds of hundreds of thousands of people."

There was Mr Speaker's ruling on "bloody": "I believe he used a word which is apparently in common use today but which I would prefer not to hear in the Chamber."

There was Malcom Bruce unveiling for fellow-Liberal-Democrats the Big Idea they have so long lacked: concern about the breeding of "patented, genetically modified"

...There was - but we are at an end. Just time to mention Labour's Mark Fisher, anxious about "a huge hole, a few hundred yards from the city-centre of Stoke-on-Trent." Damn. Missed.

**Matthew Parris** 

### Poles call for talks

Continued from page 1 that discussion between the two German states would also consider the security of neighbouring states, is being interpreted in Warsaw as a partial invitation to the talks.

Mr Mazowiecki said his demands were not prompted by any grievances against the Germans, but by the need to avoid a legal vacuum. The treaties recognizing the Oder-Neisse line as the western frontier of Poland were signed

Germany, Poland is worried that the newly unified Ger-many will declare these treaties not binding.

"We can't ignore the emergence of the Republican Party in West Germany, nor the nationalistic demonstrations in Leipzig - these are warning signals for us," he said.

Poland did not want the future Germany to be neutral. Mr Mazowiecki, "since that could create a climate similar to that after the First World

them in war and then we tried them at Nuremberg," said Mr Heath after the last of the top of the Conservative establishment had left.

Dismissing the poll tax as Mr Heath said it would be very difficult to turn the economy round before the next general election, "Perhaps, they will explain in the Budget how they are going to right it in time." Earlier it was all smiles as Mrs Thatcher

view Mr Heath had con- other side. demmed her "shuffle, shuffle" approach to German unity.

She was one of the last guests to arrive for the event, hosted by another former Conservative leader, Lord Home, and greeted Mr Heath with a cool: "Helio Ted, how

The Prime Minister was on the top table, though tactfully the organizers ensured that she sat between Lords Home

arrived for the tribute, un- and Carrington with Mr aware that in an ITN inter- Heath sitting on Lord Home's

> A series of largely lighthearted speeches were delivered by Lord Home, Lord Prior, Sir Robin Day and finally Mr Heath. MP for Old Bexley and Sidcup, who talked about appointing Mrs Thatcher to his Cabinet, welcomed her presence at lunch, and then reminded his guests that the European Community was the only centre of stability after the changes in the East.

### Patten warns on spending

Continued from page 1 size," he said. Mr Bryan based on a 3.8 per cent Gould, the shadow environwhich it says were too high. Mr Patten told the Commons that the sort of spending increases being referred to by

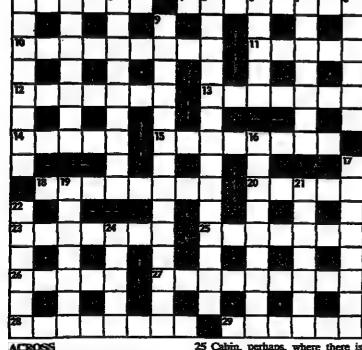
some councils would have meant a 35 per cent increase in domestic rates. "There is no conceivable

argument for increases of that

increase in last year's budgets ment secretary, said there was overwhelming evidence that the Government's projections on community charge bills were "complete and utter fiction",

It would be better to withdraw the figures rather than make vague threats about charge-capping, he said.

#### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,224



1 Artist's strength originally lies in length of forearm (6). 4 One who declares he will not swear (8).

10 Scoop water out of the sea for American bird (9). 11 Member in old car has collision

12 Form or title in verse (7). 13 Rebel down under ends with a flourish (7).

14 Information one uses would provide longer spell for these djims (5). 15 Editor has embarrassed Thes-

pian (8). 18 Instruction from the Guardian's

20 Suggest I am to travel regularly (5). 23 Negotiated net rate for coarse cloth (7).

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25 Cabin, perhaps, where there is space to move about (3-4).

Guildhall porter's comic turn rejected (5). Become exhausted in hurry to visit daughter (3,2,4).

28 What Hamlet's players were not to do to the King of Judaes (3-29 US student teacher to detain in the country (6).

DOWN 1 Explorer had time for coastal

trading (8).

2 Sort of speculator one finds running expensive bars (7). 3 A form of painting, but not a movement (5,4).

5 Oil and vinegar Continentals are putting on their soup and fish, perhaps (6,8). 6 Fix up motorway foundation

Ones it help some men to forget?
Yes and no (7).
Good-for-nothing sailor from E
Indies switches sides (6).

 Surgeon (RN) abroad turns into homely philanthropist (6,8). 16 The native quarter of Worcester or Derby? (9). 17 He follows blindly and, gost, runs over a fielder! (8).

19 Out of bed, stretched, but unable to open up (?). 21 Charge for peg or tee almost smashed (7).

22 About the right reading desk for a word game (6). 24 Bird dog with black head (5).

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Phillip Howard

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n. Fried rice b. The lottes c. A reverse enigms TENAILLE a. An owner's in a ditch c. A grip at wrestling Answers on page 22

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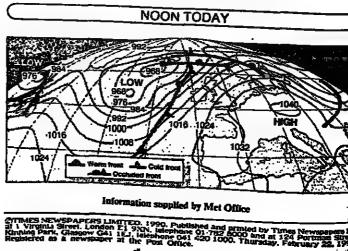
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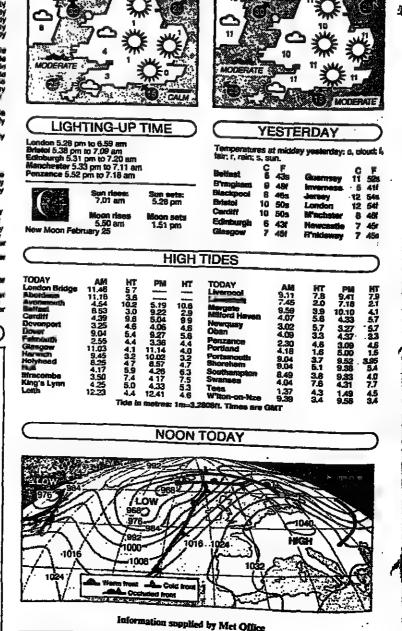
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By Martin Waller

County NatWest, the investment banking arm of National West-minster Bank, is under pressure

from institutional investors to

improve the terms of its plan to

compensate Blue Arrow share-

County, which advised Blue

Arrow in its ill-fated £837 million

rights issue, has offered to pay up to

30p per share to certain investors

caught up in the aftermath.

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#### **Executive Editor David Brewerton**

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Market report, page 32

Queens Moat Houses has bought 5.3 million shares in Norfolk Capital, giving it 9.33 per cent. The purchase comes just three working days before Queens Moat's all-paper bid

for Norfolk closes. Because the £170 million bid is all paper. Most can only buy up to 9.9 per cent of Norfolk's shares. Most paid up to 41p for its shares, just below the maximum that Moat's recently rather weak share price has allowed it too.

#### Tempus, page 26 Pound ahead

The pound's trade-weighted index rose by 0.2 to 90.2, climbing above the 90.1 level, last recorded when Mr Nigel Lawson resigned as Chan-cellor on October 26.

#### Shares fall

Shares fell 17.3 points to 2,259.7 after being 31 points down following the heavy falls in Tokyo. Wall Street was also hit, falling 30 points but later recovering. Markets, page 32

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#### MAIN PRICE CHANGES

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\* Denotes latest trading price

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atali Price Index: 119.5 (January)

resolve the rows over who should stump

hook despite its unilateral offer. Mr Donald Brydon, chairman of the NAPF investment committee,

compensation offer.

Pressure on County to raise Arrow offer Pension Funds yesterday wrote to said the investors had welcomed County seeking further talks on the this offer "but reserved our position wholly with respect to the precise terms of the offer.

The NAPF wants to discuss the 30p per share maximum set on the "It may be that many investors scheme and the qualifying time period fixed by County. At the opening of the NAPF's annual will wish to await the result of such discussions before concluding their arrangements with County," he conference in Eastbourne, it was clear that the organization is not It also emerged at Eastbourne yet inclined to allow County off the

that UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker at the centre of the Blue Arrow affair, offered to meet 40 per cent of the total compensation due

to aggreed shareholders, Mr & Drew had agreed earlier this to the negotiating table. "It remains Brydon claimed yesterday.

But an early solution to the controversy was blocked by County NatWest, which stood out for a 50-50 split of the compensation, he added.

Mr Brydon has been leading a small team put together by the institutional investors aimed at reaching compensation terms for shareholders who suffered as a result of the Blue Arrow rights.

He confirmed that UBS Phillips

week, after heavy pressure from the investors, to re-enter compensa-

"I am pleased to announce that they have now indicated their full willingness to enter into serious discussions with the representatives of the co-ordinating committee with a view to a commercial resolution of the matter," said Mr

He praised the broker's "difficult and courageous decision" to return

true that it takes two to agree, and the major disappointment at this time is that, in their clients' interest. County and UBS Phillips & Drew have been unable to agree their respective contribution," he

"We will enter discussions with UBS Phillips & Drew in the expectations of reaching agreement, and still in the hope that before the process is complete both parties will join together to settle the matter."

### The National Association of Lloyds Bank Moat has 9% stake lifts mortgage rate to 15.7%

will continue to offer a 2 per

cent discount to first-time buyers who link their plan to a

Black Horse endowment or

Lloyds Bank mortgage bor-rowers are due a 0.5 per cent

Mr Seymour Fortescue, dir-

out a new mortgage.

ranks with its high street rivals by raising its mort-gage rate to 15.7 per cent.

The increase, the biggest so far in the latest round of interest rate hikes, will add hundreds of pounds monthly to the cost of borrowing and fuel fears of even higher increases to come.

At the same time, the Alliance & Leicester and National & Provincial - Britain's fourth and sixth largest building societies respectively — both increased their rates by 0.9 of a point to 15.4 per cent - the level established as a benchmark by Abbey National last week.

Lloyds claimed the move brings it into line with the Abbey, but the rise will leave its borrowers facing the highest bills announced so far. Abbey National borrowers will pay an average of £288.75 a month on a typical £30,000

endowment mortgage. But Lloyds mortgage holders face a bill of £294.38 on the same amount, once the incomes through on

Mr Gordon Pell, Lloyds' personal banking, said both Lloyds and Abbey were now "in line" with an annual percentage rate of 16.9 per cent on their mortgages.

He said the use of different methods to calculate interest payments made the difference in true rates appear higher.

On loans of more than £40,000, the difference is more marked. The Abbey National APR drops to 16.1 per cent on loans over that amount.

To take some of the sting



plan at 13.4 per cent.

The Halifax, Britain's larg-

est society, is due to make an

announcement on any mort-

Thompson-McCansland: 'We recognize news is bad'

Lloyds Bank has broken out of the latest hike, Lloyds gage rate increase today or tomorrow.

"We are considering the position, and expect to make an announcement this week." pension policy. Existing a spokesman said. The Woolwich, the third

largest society, is due to make un announcement tomorrow. loyalty discount when taking Yesterday's move by the Alliance & Leicester and Nat-Barclays Bank, meanwhile, has said it will hold its ional & Provincial brought mortgage rate at its current them into line with the Leeds level until at least May 1, as Permanent, which raised long as there is no general mortgage rates to 15.4 per cent increase in the level of interest

The typical APR on an endowment mortgage is now ector, UK personal sector, 16,7 per cent, rising to 16.9 per said: "We are determined to cent for repayment mortgages. Mr Peter Grant, managing director of the Alliance & Leicester, said: "The increase

hold our mortgage rate down for as long as possible because we are mindful of the effect an increase will have on our 260,000 mortgage customers." is in line with general trends in the industry. However, we are aware that higher rates could cause difficulties for some Berclays charges interest of 14.75 (APR 15.6 per cent) on homeowners. its home mortgage. It also offers a two-year fixed rate "We are sympathetic to

this, and if any of our cus-tomers are in that situation, we would urge them to talk to us sooner rather than later."

At N&P, Mr Ben Thomp-son-McCausland, group man-aging director, said: "We recognize that this latest increase is further bad news for homebuyers. "However, 90 per cent of

our borrowers are on annual review and their payments will not be affected until January, 1991." The society is launching a

new mortgage on Monday, fixing the rate at 13.85 per cent for three years. Meanwhile, it has urged customers who an-ticipate problems in coping with increased payments to get in touch with their local branches as soon as possible.

### Administrators appointed at troubled retailer



Confident the concept will survive: Sopkie Mirman, Sock Shop's founder, and Peter DuBuisson of Binder Hamlyn vesterday

### New men move in at Sock Shop

By Matthew Bond

Mr Peter DuBuisson and Mr Phillip Sykes of BDO Binder Hamlyn, the account-ant, were appointed by Mr Justice Warner. Commenting on their task, he said: "I hope it comes off."

The administrators first step was to request that shares in Sock Shop remain suspended. In a brief statement to the Stock Exchange yesterday evening the administrators requested that the suspension continue "until the company's financial position has been

A High Court judge yesterday clarified." It is thought to have our own and if the court sport of debts of £16 million, lent by makes the appointment Rich, administrators at Sock Shop, Barclays Bank, which supappointment. The current downturn in retail sales means the 108-strong chain of shops

can longer service this debt. Miss Sophie Mirman, the Sock Shop chairman who founded the firm with Mr Richard Ross, her husband, was meeting with the company's lawyers after the appointment yesterday afternoon.

But before the morning court hearing she said: "Peter DuBuisson and his team have

Barclays had first asked BDO reaching a satisfactory Binder Hamlyn to look at

Sock Shop concept will survive. We have an exciting new series of products for the 1990s and enjoy strong consumer support. Administrators are only ap-

"I am confident that the

pointed to a company if the indge feels the company can be made viable again by a

restructuring exercise.

on December 14 last year. Shortly after that the company announced plans to close its 17 stores in the United States, and earlier this month

Sock Shop's financial position

court

it announced a pre-tax loss of £2.9 million plus a £4.8 million write-off following the American closures. A projected balance sheet

revealed

Yesterday the Sock Shop for the current fiancial year considerable experience in administrators were unwilling shows negative net assets, say dealing with situations such as to speculate on how and in the administrators.

### Growth rate eases Courtaulds unveils fears of recession

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

strongly than expected in the final quarter of last year, suggesting Britain will probably escape a recession this year, despite the prospect of interest rates staying high.

Central Statistical Office figures showed the output measure of the gross domestic product rising a provisional seasonally-adjusted 0.6 per cent between the third and fourth quarters. City forecasters anticipated 0.4 per cent. The Autumn Statement

forecast 1989 growth of 2 per cent on the average measure of GDP, slowing to 1.25 per cent this year. The CSO figures showed that against the final quarter of 1988, GDP was 2.1 growth seen in the third more than seven-and-a-half quarter. For the full year, years,

The economy grew more GDP growth was 2.4 per cent up on 1988, when the econ-

omy grew 4.25 per cent. Final-quarter growth was attributed to strong export performance, increased oil production, and a solid showing in services.

New orders for construction work fell to a seasonally-adjusted £1.5 billion last month from a revised £1.53 billion in November. Fourthquarter orders were 2 per cent down on the previous quarter and 13 per cent below the same quarter the previous year. For the year, orders were

3 per cent lower. In the US, steep rises in food and energy costs produced a 1.1 per cent jump in per cent higher, up from the consumer prices last month — 1.9 per cent year-on-year the biggest monthly gain for

## demerger terms

By Jeremy Andrews

Courtaulds shareholders will March, unchanged from 1988receive one share in Court- 89. Earnings per share of 31p quoted company are approved at a meeting on March 16.

Sir Christopher Hogg, who will chair both companies. urged shareholders to back the proposals and said: "This will be a huge step forward for "We have spent five years getting to this point and we are

very excited about the future. We started with a shambles at the beginning of the Eighties and have ended with this demerger into two very strong and viable entities." Courtaulds forecasts that

profits from its non-textile

businesses will be not less than

£160 million in the year to

aulds Textiles for every four are also forecast, up from 28p held, if plans to demerge the last year, and a final dividend garment and yarn spinning of 8p is indicated. Together operations into a separate with the 3.1p interim and the of 8p is indicated. Together with the 3.1p interim and the dividend to be paid on Courtaulds Textiles shares, the total distribution will be 14p, a rise of 1p. Courtaulds Textiles made

£40 million before tax on a pro forma basis in the year to December and while no comparative pre-tax figure has profits of £51.6 million were almost £2 million up on 1988-89. With an issued capital of 101 million shares, that would mean pro forma earnings per share of 29p and a pro forma dividend of 11.6p is planned.

The textiles company has sales of almost £1 billion.

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### Ridley the loser in peace deal as banks stick by Morton

End to the brawling at Eurotunnel By John Bell, City Editor

Whisper it gently, but peace appears to have broken out between Eurotunnel and the builders of the cross-Channel link. There are, though, few gainers and many losers after months of what looked more like guerrilla warfare than businesslike negotiations over one of the largest civil engineering projects the

world has seen. The clearest loser yesterday was Dr Tony Ridley, the engineer brought in to end growing hostility between Eurotunnel and the 10-strong consortium of British and French companies

constructing the Channel tunnel. Dr Ridley, who believes that he improved working relations between the two sides, although admitting failing to

up for the cost over-runs, says only that what to expect until digging begins, he has been "replaced" and will stay for a while to show the ropes to his successor, Mr John Neerhout, who takes over as project chief executive.

Mr Neerhout, coming to Eurotunnel from the US construction group, Bechtel, arrives as a result of a ferocious, but only part successful, campaign by the construction consortium, TML, to force management changes.

The major target was Mr Alastair Morton, who until a management reshuffle only last week was the British cochairman of Eurotunnel. He proved a tough, and some would say intransigent, negotiator when the project made a dismal start. Tunnelling on the British side was painfully slow. TML's execblamed bad ground conditions

Mr Morton and his board refused to compromise on cost over-runs, which TML blamed on changed specifications. Despite TML's campaign, the banks

have refused to countenance the departure of Mr Morton. Embarrassingly for Eurotunnel, TML has forced Mr Morton, now group chief executive, and his colleagues to beef up the team of directors involved with construction less than a week after they had been settled. Mr Morton now turns his attention to the next round of financing and TML is

looking forward to smoother progress with Eurotunnel's new project team. Wise heads in the City, however, are sceptical, seeing the hostilities as but one round in a lengthy heavyweight bout.

utives, who say that one never knows

## Wedding that could end in regrets CRT Group logs on to

Queens Moat Houses and £18 million for London's Norfolk Capital do not go Sloane Club. The only serious together. Shareholders in both could regret it if their stormy courtship is consummated on Monday, when the Queens Moat bid for Norfolk Capital

Mr John Bairstow, Queens Moat chairman, is beginning to display a fondness for issuing new shares. Norfolk Capital is to be paid for by £170 million worth of them, six months after a £141 million Queens Moat rights issue. That came less than a year after a £57 million rights.

That is an awful lot of shares, a fact which will not be lost on Balmoral, Norfolk's biggest shareholder, which has 13 per cent.

For Norfolk Capital's 21,000 shareholders, the regrets are somewhat different. Many will have stayed with the company since the days of Sir Maxwell Joseph. Many of them will find it difficult to accept that Norfolk's story did not end last week with Lady Joseph's resignation.

But in a year's time they Bairstow's offer. By then, the North British Hotel will have reopened after a £20 million, five-star refit. Also by then, the 140,000 office development next to the Caledonian, Norfolk's other five-star Edinburgh hotel, will have million — is fully explained. been sold for £30 million, More than fully; if anything while someone will have paid the operating numbers look

Trade fair

invitation

rejected

By Colin Narbrough

The Department of Trade and

Industry has turned down, on

cost grounds, the chance to

make Britain theme nation at

West Germany's most presitigious trade fair, despite

the huge UK deficit on bi-

The organisers of the Hano-

ver Fair had invited Britain to

be special guest country in

1992, in the closing stages of

the run-up to the single Euro-

Though West Germany looks set to become Britain's

biggest export market, absorb-

ing £11 billion of UK goods

last year, the British appetite for quality products sucked in

A DTI spokesman said the

Hanover invitation, which

could have cost the Govern-

ment between £2 million and

£3 million for the two-week

event, was studied closely

before it was rejected in 1988

The DTI normally spends

about £500,000 supporting

exhibitors at Hanover, an important show place for the

Central and Eastern Europe

By comparison, the Gov-

ernment has earmarked £25

ion at the six-month Seville

The DTI spokesman said

the Hanover decision was

taken after consultation re-

vealed that UK companies

also questioned the usefulness

of a special British presence.

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behalf of over 50,000 investors.

million for the British pavil-

World Expo in 1992,

morkets

as not being cost-effective.

£20 billion of imports.

pean market.

question mark will be over the St James's clubs, for which even Mr Bairstow does not appear to have an answer.

Five-star hotels and private clubs are not the stuff of which Queen Moat is made. But it could be the making of Norfolk's board, now united under managing director Peter Eyles, which has the unenviable task of defending against a bid offering an exit multiple of 37 times earnings.

Queens Moat is trying to get assets at a discount and without paying cash for them. Norfolk's shareholders deserve to be rewarded for their patience. They are not being.

#### Shell

Shell managed to take most people by surprise with the size of its £377 million stock profit, even though British Petroleum had given a lead a week ago.

Throw in an unexpected neur-£200 million turnround might regret accepting Mr on the foreign exchange book between the third and fourth quarters, ensuring a positive contribution from currencies for the year, and the market's underestimation of the final net income figure - up by more than £1 billion at £3,954

By David Walker

Unless the private water com-

panies offer better water qual-

ity and a cleaner environment,

water charges to the public will have to be cut, the official

Mr Ian Byatt, the director

general of the Office of Water Services, told a London con-

ference that he would be

watching closely to see that

water companies used the

revenue from permitted in-creases in their charges to

improve the quality of drink-

In co-operation with the

Department of the Environ-

ment's drinking water inspec-

torate, Mr Byatt promised the

public a real benefit from the higher charges. Money raised

by the water companies would

have to be spent on reducing

sewage outfalls to sea and riv-

ers and repairing water pipes.

higher bills, rising by 5 per cent above the rate of infla-

tion, to finance this pro-

gramme so they are entitled to

know what the results one. The

Office of Water Services will

want to ensure that the invest-

ment programmes are produc-

If they were not, Mr Byatt

promised to revise the limits

on what the water companies

can charge when they raise

examining whether the water

companies laid down bricks or

£ per month

can secure your future

stuck closely to the asset office did not expect a

TAX FREE SAVINGS

their prices each year.

"The public will be paying

ing water.

water watchdog has said.



United front: Peter Eyles leads Norfolk board in bid defence

Improve water quality or face

cut in prices, says watchdog

favorrable conditions in the chemical industry are well documented, and a £147 million fourth quarter contri-bution from this sector, against £228 million last time, was in line with predictions. But, allowing for a slightly higher than expected tax charge, margins on exploration and production, which

ments in service to the public.

Mr Byatt, a former Treasury

economist, said the water industry was on course to

double its capital value during

the next 10 years. He said the

mildly disappointing. The less just £1.05 billion against £997 million, look less than spectacular given the strongrise in the oil price. Cash flow, at £6.3 billion, shows no improvement and

the final dividend, at 10.7p, came up short of expectations. On this evidence alone the recent rally in the Shell share price looks to have been overdone. And there is little this produced full-year profits of year holds which is likely to run by B&C.

challenge that view. Chemicals will find the going stickier ried about a false market in still, and may produce a 25 per Stratagem's shares after its cent profit shortfall on the failure to issue a circular and near-£1 billion 1989 return. The higher oil price and a 5 per cent increase in produc- ting more than a quarter of its

tion should ensure a better performance from exploration and production, while refining and marketing should see an gem's equity is held by board improvement in margins but there will be no repetition of the 1989 stock profit.

County NatWest's Ian Graham looks for £3.56 billion, while Fergus McLeod at BZW reckons £3.46 billion is the best Shell will do. On this range carnings per share fall from the current 44p to about 390, to leave the shares on a multiple of around 12 similar to BP.

Given its greater exposure to chemicals and its relative lack of gearing to the oil price,

#### Colonnade

played a curious role in its attempts to secure fair play for shareholders of Stratagem, a tiny investment company in a David and Goliath struggle with two City giants, British & Commonwealth and James Capel. Capel is helping B&C to fight Stratagem's bid for Colonnade Development

obtain formal approval from shareholders before commitassets when it bought a blocking stake in Colonnade.

However, most of Stratamembers, and its shareholders do not need protection from their own actions.

If there is a false market in this affair, it is in shares of Imtec, soon to take the name Laser-Scan from its main business. This year, Imtec's 320 million shares have risen from 2p to 4%p, despite the resignations of the chief executive and the finance director. A 16.5 per cent stake in Imtec is Colonnade's biggest investment, apart from cash.

Had Imtec not been consigned to "penny share" sta-tus, there would have been more fuss. At very least, shareholders would have clamoured for official confirmation of the turnround in trading results, rumours of which have propelled the shares skywards. Imtec is controlled by B&C.

It is significant that the local authority pension funds dominating Colonnade's share register overwhelmingly support Stratagem, not B&C. The Stock Exchange would do well to work out who are really the villains of the piece.

#### W German bonds in recovery

By Our Economics Correspondent

West German bond prices started to recover yesterday after losing ground for almost a month over anxieties about German unification, with long-term investors lured back by yields at a seven-year high. Recent federal issues saw prices gain nearly one mark, allowing the yields to ease

accordingly. The recovery came amid calls from East Berlin for more cautious pace in the drive towards monetary and economic union, while Bonn sought to dispel what it considers unwarranted fears

economics ministry official, told the Press that the value of the West German mark might suffer short term declines because of the unification, but would strengthen over the

He said he thought the capital markets had overreacted to recent developments on the unification front. "There are absolutely no grounds for this," he said. Herr Schlecht saw no rad-

ical change in the inflation outlook for West Germany due to the upheaval in East Germany, although he recognized signs of overheating.

Despite all the market doubts, he said West German

growth would probably a little higher than the 3 per cent-plus forecast at the beginning of the

#### blocks have already been explored by Lasmo and in most cases oil has been found. Over the next few weeks, prospective purchasers will be shown the data available on the blocks on offer. Lasmo hopes that the sale could be completed by late spring. Arncliffe up to £3.14m

based residential and commercial developer, Arncliffe Holdings, still grew by 24 per cent to £3.14 million, despite a near four-fold increase in interest charges. Turnover was up by more than 50 per cent at £19.4 million. However, earnings per share rose by only 0.5 per cent to 40p a share. A final dividend of 4.0p per share is being recommended, giving a

total of 6.75p.

about the risks involved.

Herr Otto Schlecht, a senior

#### Herrburger in £52,000 loss

Shandwick in

£9.75m deal

Shandwick, the public rela-

tions firm, is buying fellow

consultancy. Paragon Communications, in a deal worth £9.75 million. The

offer values each Paragon

share at 172½p, and will

involve a partial cash alter-

native of 162½p and a partial

loan note alternative.

Shandwick has received ir-

revocable acceptances total-

ling 52.3 per cent. Paragon

shares rose from 128p to

settle at 158p.

Lasmo assets for sale

Lasmo, the aggressive British independent exploration and production group, has put a package of assets on the market which could raise as much as £50 million.

It is selling a portfolio of interests in 22 North Sea blocks,

including a stake in the Andrey field in the southern sector of

the North Sea which is already producing gas. The other

Pre-tax profits at the Leeds Herrburger Brooks, the piano parts supplier, alid into the red with a pre-tax loss of £52,000 in the six months to end-November, compared with a £11,000 profit last time. Turnover was static, at £3.48 million from £3.47 million. There is a 3.02p loss per share, against earnings of 0.58p last time. The company blamed high interest costs. The shares fell by 20p to 225p on the news.

### Uniroyal to buy NTS

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Software Personnel

CRT Group, the consultancy, recruitment and training

business formed after last November's reverse takeover of R Smallshaw (Knitwear), is buying Software Personnel for up to

The maximum initial payment will be £2.5 million, satisfied by up to £435,000 in cash, £559,000 in loan notes

and the balance in new ordinary shares to be alloted at 66p

per share. Further consideration of up to £2.79 million may be

payable depending on Softwar Personnel's future profits, Software Personnel is a Birmingham-based recruitment

business specializing in the supply of skilled computer consultants, to organizations using IBM or IBM compatible computers, on a contract basis. The company made pre-tax profits of £255,000 in the year to end-March, on sales of £4.4

Ardagh rises

Pre-tax profits at Ardagh,

formerly Irish Glass, the

Dublin-based glass con-tainer maker, rose 41 per

cent to Ir£1.93 million (£1.79

million) in the 26-week per-

iod ending December 26. Turnover climbed 12 per cent

to Ir£16.8 million. Earnings

per share rose 48 per cent to

9.02p and the interim is

Ir1.25p, against Ir1p. Net interest receivable jumped

from Ir£135,000 to

to £1.79m

Uniroyal Englebert Tyres, a British subsidiary of West Germany's Continental AG, has agreed to buy National Tyre Services (NTS) from Michelin Tyre for £140 million. Michelin Tyre is a unit of Compagnie Générale des Etablissements Michelin, the French tyre group, which acquired NTS from BTR in June 1989.

NTS is a distributor of tyres and auto parts in the United Kingdom. Half the purchase price will be paid by Univoyal Englebert to Michelin Tyre on completion of the transaction, together with some unspecified additional costs. The rest will be deferred for a fixed period of time. The length of that period was not disclosed. BTR sold NTS to Michelin for £140 million care. million cast.

### **Eagle Trust sues** Savory Milln over rights issue money

Eagle Trust, the engineering agrees that Savory Milln reand film camera group, is crived the money, but says suing Savory Milln to recover that it came via normal bankwhat it alleges is £13.5 million of the company's money used sub-underwriting committo underwrite its ill-fated

The lawsuit is the first of a series planned by Eagle's new board, but Swiss Bank Corporation, which owns Savory Milln, said: "We will defend the action as vigorously as we possibly can".

Just before the October 1987 stock market crash, Eaissue to help to pay for the acquisition of Samuelson, the hired film equipment concern.

The issue was underwritten by Savory Milln, but Eagle Trust's former chief executive, Mr John Ferriday, undertook to procure sub-underwriters for £13.5 million of the issue, Mr Ferriday is now being sought by West Midlands

Eagle's writ claims the repayment of £13.5 million received by Savory Milln in December 1987, which it alleges that Savory Milln, knew, or ought to have known, belonged to Eagle Trust. Swiss Bank Corporation

ing channels in satisfaction of ments that had been entered rights issue in December 1987. into by Mr Ferriday in connection with the rights issue for the Samuelson **acquisition** 

It said: "We have looked into the circumstances of these payments in detail and we have been advised that there are no grounds for thinking that Savory Milln gle Trust's former board knew, or should have known, launched a £21 million rights that the payments were in any way connected with the funds allegedly missing from Eagle

Mr David James, Eagle's current chairman, said that, after receiving counsel's advice, he was confident of the claim's merit.

"We would not undertake litigation unless there is a substantial prospect of recovery for shareholders," Mr James said.

The board had not decided whether to act against any other of Eagle's advisers at this stage, but there would be claims against a "wide range of professional bodies and individuals."

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#### Saudi Arabia's Jameel Group claimed yesterday that it spoke for 30.6 per cent of Hartwell, the motor group, after buying a further 865,833

Looking for an improvement in drinking water: Ian Byatt of the Office of Water Services

management plans they are "confrontation" with the wat- which has no statutory

required by law to show the watchdog. What mattered were qualitative improve- ing the interests of consumers pollution incident involving

However, Mr Byatt wants to

give the office a higher profile by ensuring that the public is notified if water companies

In December the office -

Jameel ups

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holding

fail in their responsibilities.

were complementary.

Oakhill Ltd, Jameel's vehicle, now owns 9.98 million Hartwell shares and is acting in concert with owners of another 14.24 million.

Oakhill made an increased and final 155p offer for Hartwell last week, valuing the group at £172 million.

In its latest offer document out yesterday, Oakhill claimed that if Government rules on company's owning stakes in their own pension funds became law, then half of the Hartweil pension fund holding of 10.3 per cent in the company will have to be sold. The offer closes at 1pm on Monday March 12.

### **Provident Group** rises to £31.7m

Provident Financial Group, ants and had not been hit by

the consumer leading and insurance group, lifted pre-tax profits by 12 per cent to £31.7 million in the year to end-December. The final goes up by 1.5p to 13.5p, making a gain of 14 per cent to 20.5p.

pollution incident involving

the release of chemicals into

Mr Byatt said his job was to

make sure the public was noti-

fied as soon as possible of such

incidents, so compensation

could be awarded if necessary.

the Tyne.

Three acquisitions and £50 million of organic growth increased Provident Financial's lending book to £440 million. Personal finance profits rose 19 per cent to £26.8

Provident is the largest door-to-door credit business and the high costs of its 10,500 sales and collections push the cost if its loans as high as 100 annualized percentage rate. Mr Peter Hogg, the chief

executive, said that bad debt provisions had actually fallen since most of Provident's

the mortgage rate rises. He admitted, however, that car repossessions are on the increase at Lynn Regis Finance, the group's motor hire purchase subsidiary. The insurance division in-

creased profits by 41 per cent to £9.3 million, although the contribution from Colonnade Insurance Brokers, fell by £400,000 to £300,000 due to the disruption of opening 22 branches. This brings the total network to 50, with 20 more openings planned for 1990. Mentor, the group's soft-

ware training subsidiary, de-creased its losses from £1.2 million to £100,000. Mr Hogg said gearing was

only 160 per cent, and the company is seeking other personal finance or insurance

### Independent miner digs down under for coal interests

By David Young Energy Correspondent

Young Group, the Tyneside independent coal mining group set up by a former British Coal driver, is to pay £2.4 million to buy a 43 per cent stake in Australian Mining Investments.

The purchase of the stake in AMI, the Young Group said, was part of a long-term strategy to acquire coal mining interests outside Britain

The latest five year contract between British Coal and the two power generating companies to be created after the privatization of the power industry, has effectively closed a large part of the British market to the independent coal mining sector. The objective, said the company,

tinues to be dominated by British Coal despite Government moves to change legislation which will allow the independent sector to increase the size of its operations. The total price being paid for the stake in AMI, which will be subject to

the British coal market, which con-

Australian approval, will be Aus\$5.5 million (£2,4 million). The purchase will be financed

mainly by a placing of £2 million of Young Group shares. IEP Securities, which already holds 17.7 per cent, has agreed to subscribe for a miniumum of £1 million and a maximum of £2 million. The balance will be met from existing resources and borrowings. AMI is a publicly-quoted company

Young pays £2.4m for stake in AMI with an underground and an opencast mine near Gunnedah, New South Wales. The mine produced a million tonnes of coal in the last full year and has estimated reserves of more than 30 million tonnes. The coal is sold to Japanese companies on the basis of term contracts for which prices are

negotiated annually. AMI also owns the Glennies Creek velopment project near Singleton. New South Wales, which is estimated to have reserves of more than 400 million tonnes of high-quality coking and steaming coal.

An agreement has recently been signed whereby Toya Menka Kaisha and Nippon Oil Australia will buy a 50 per cent stake in the Glennies Creek project. Development of the

project will depend on further Australian regulatory approval.

AMI has suffered from weak international prices and unfavourable exchange rates. It made an operating loss of Aus\$3.79 million in the year to lune 30 but on the state of a June 30, but, on the strength of a return to profitable operations in the second six months, paid a dividend of Aus 1.5 cent a share.

The Young Group will make appointments to the board of AMI, and will senior staff, experienced in the operation and development of similar mines in the Britain, will be seconded. It believes that improvements can be made in the operation of the Gunnedah mine and that the company's profitability can be further

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# Investment plans to benefit as Shell jumps 34% to £3.95bn

Shell reported earnings for the fourth quarter to £147 South Africa, we are thor-1989 at just under £4 billion, a rise of 34 per cent on the million from what Shell called oughly disliked by the right-the "exceptional" level of the wing groups. rise of 34 per cent on the previous year and an 8.2 per cent increase in its total dividend for the year to 18.4p. The shares fell 4p to 470p on

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Net income for the whole of 1989 was £3.95 billion, com-£9.75m de pared with £2.94 billion in 1988. In the last quarter earnings rose to £1.01 billion Controller in Ma from £702 million in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

On a current cost basis, which removes the effects of stock gains, earnings rose by 13 per cent over the year to show that the company con-

Return on capital, which Shell said it regards as the most important indicator, was 13.7 per cent, compared with 11.5 per cent in the previous producing oil.

Shell divisions announced inissets for sa creased profits for the year: oil exploration and production by 14 per cent, oil refining and Beingsh independent and part of participate of section at the section of the sect marketing 28 per cent, coal 90 per cent and metals 54 per Sir Peter Holmes, the Shell

the court of the second chairman, forecast they would remain at about the same levels this year.

Earnings from chemicals

fourth quarter in 1988, reflecting a cyclical downturn in are criticized by the antichemical prices.

Sir Peter said chemical prices had now "pretty well levelled off." He said profits from chemicals in 1990 would be "pretty significant, but not £1 billion pounds."

programme in the current year, Sir Peter said, and he hinted that figures which will be issued when Shell publishes its annual report soon will

Tempus. tinues to find new oil reserves significantly faster than it is

Sir Peter said he expects oil Apart from chemicals, all prices to stay within their recent limit of \$16 to \$20 per He said: "I personally

would be surprised to see a further oil price shock. There is always a chance that Opec cent. Chemicals were £971 will go too far, although million, down 5 per cent. there's no sign of that at present, in which case oil prices would go below \$16." Sir Peter also welcomed the

where Shell has been criticized dipped a sharp 36 per cent in for its operations. He said: "In

"Outside South Africa, we apartheid groups. Before long it must be in the West's best interests to help the economy grow in South Africa.

Shell also revealed that it is having talks with the Russian and other East European gov-The Shell profits will sup-port a £10 billion investment of joint ventures in oil exploration and production in Siberia and in marketing in other areas.

> The group is already involved in one exploration project in Siberia and it is planning to double the number of Shell service station outlets in Hungary from its existing 40.

> Mr John Jennings, group managing director responsible for exploration and production, said the company was also responding positively to signs that Iraq was ready to consider oil companies' help in developing already discovered fields.

He said: "I believe that several of the major Opec resource holders will be tempted to reconsider their stance vis-à-vis the major private oil companies. Taking new situation in South Africa eastern Europe and Opec together, we may well be enter-



Profits to stay about the same: Sir Peter Holmes vesterday

BAT Industries, unbundling chairman and chief executive itself under continued threat from Sir James Goldsmith's Hoylake bid vehicle, has ap-pointed a former Dalgety and Asda-MFI chairman to head its Argos store chain for its

Mr David Donne, a former barrister who is non-executive chairman of Steetley and Crest Nicholson, joins Mr Mike Smith, Argos's chief exec-utive, on March 1 to help carry out the demerger and flotation in late March or early April,

Mr Patrick Sheeby, chairman of BAT, said: "I am delighted that the Argos opportunity has attracted as experienced a chairman as David Donne. His broad skills will complement the specialist retail knowledge of Mike Smith and his team."

Mr Stephen Walls, the for-mer Plessey managing direc-tor, was recently hired as

of BAT's Appleton and Wiggins Teape paper interests, which will be demerged and floated about a month after

Analysts expect Argos to have a market capitalization

of £600 million. BAT is to concentrate solely on its financial services and



### Former Asda chief Trencherwood cautious to take Argos helm as housing profits slump

Trencherwood, the Berkshirebased developer, almost disintegrated last year. After writing off £4 million against its landbank, profits from the homes division, which is still responsible for three quarters of group turnover, slumped from £10.3 million to £1.7 million. However, more than

doubled profits from office and industrial activities, at £5.6 million, have enabled the group to limit the fall in group pre-tax profits to £4 million at £8.7 million. A 3.63p a share dividend maintains the total at 5.13p for the year to November 30. Earnings were

Describing 1989 conditions as the "worst housing market since 1974," Mr Brian Eighteen, Trencherwood managing director, blamed the abolition of double mortgage relief in

which accelerated rapidly as interest rates rose. Trencherwood, which was

expanding westward and northward into the Midlands when interest rates began to spiral, has closed down its southern region offices and merged its sites with the central region. It has also cut back on staff, producing sav-ings of £600,000 a year.

Mr Eighteen reports that the group sold only 401 homes during the year, against 529 in the previous year and an original budget of 675. The retirement sector was particularly badly hit. Gross margins came under

essure due to the drop in sales prices together with increased building costs. "We may be building fewer units, but the site times are longer in a weak market," he said. August 1988 for the start of Gearing crept up from 50.5

Housebuilding profits at the slide in housing prices, per cent to 61 per cent by the year-end, but the cost of the debt has been restrained by the use of interest rate caps and the group's facility to borrow longer-term money at fixed rates.

The group interest charge is £4.39 million against £1.1 million. Mr Eighteen predicted that gearing would be down to "around 45 per cent" by the end of the year.

He warned that the short term prospect for housing was still one of "caution and uncertainty." Reservations and activity during the first six weeks of 1990 had been "encouraging" but it would be some time before confidence returned to the market.

"In the light of the recent rise in mortgage rates it is unlikely we will exceed last year's housing profit," he said. The shares dipped 15p to 155p on the USM.

#### COMMENT David Brewerton

### Not much of a yarn from Courtaulds

arms of the business. Profits on the The cellophane, acrylic fibres and yarnchemicals side have been as flat as a spinning interests, which made £80 pancake for three years on the trot, while the textiles business has actually gone backwards. Edification, maybe. . .but certainly no delight.

Nothing, moreover, is getting much better. New Courtaulds, which takes in the interests in paint, sealants, packaging and textile fibres, is forecast to make £160 million in the year to March, the same as in 1988-89 and £2 million less than in the year before. Courtaulds Textiles, which includes underwear and yarns, made £40 million before tax in the year to December and, although a back run of pre-tax figures has not been provided, operating profits of £52 million were more than a fifth lower than in 1987-88.

The picture looks even less enticing when allowance is made for the fact that the application of SSAP 24, the accounting standard on pension surpluses, added a whopping £23 million to New Courtaulds' profits and £8 million to Textiles' profits. However, the company argues that the pension refund is only one of several factors which have affected its recent record. It made £800 Southern African woodpulp interests thinking.

Yourtaulds' proposals to demerge alone depressed profits by £29 million.

This was also a period when some of its unattractive histories of both core businesses suffered serious decline. million three years ago, are now trading at little better than break-even.

That latter point brings us back to the demerger. If Courtaulds is saddled with a number of dud businesses, why does it not simply sell them? The answer appears to be that some of them are unsaleable, given the conditions in the European textiles industry. There is also the problem that, were Courtaulds to succeed in selling out, the cash would then make it even more of a target for predators interested in its residual adhesives and paint activities.

Textiles' pro forma dividend of 11.6p would mean a price of 220p for the demerged shares, if investors look for a yield of 7 per cent. As the shares are to be distributed on a one-for-four basis, Courtaulds' existing shares stand to drop by 55p when it goes through. That means the current price of 382p equates to just above 10 times forecast earnings of 31p for the New Courtaulds businesses or nine times' the earnings of 35p expected by analysts for 1990-91. Given that New Courtaulds still has some of the dud businesses on board, this million-worth of acquisitions and dis- suggests that bid possibilities have posals in the late eighties - the sale of its already begun to enter the market's

### Nice one, Sir Hector

the line for pension fund managers at the National Association of Pension Funds annual conference in Eastbourne this week.

In a provocative contribution to a pamphlet of essays prepared for the conference, he points out that industrial managements expect to see their own pension funds performing well, without considering whether or not that means fund managers operating short term. "By contrast," he points out, "the same industrial managers expect their institutional shareholders, in essence those same fund managers, to take a longterm view with regard to the company's profit performance."

Not a new idea, of course, but Sir Hector does have some concrete proposals which, while unashamedly weighted in favour of corporate management rather than investors, do bear consideration for inclusion in companies' articles of association. He suggests, for instance, that shareholders should acquire voting rights, and thus the ability to deliver a company into the hands of a hostile bidder, only when they have held the shares for 12 months. This, he believes, would drive out short term arbitrageurs. So far, so good.

Next on his list for companies' self-

Tever one to miss a trick, Sir preservation is that any shareholder Hector Laing, chairman of Willo lails to vote the Voted with the United Biscuits, is laying it on could be deemed to have voted with the board But this would be a great triumph Hector Laing, chairman of who fails to vote at a general meeting board. But this would be a great triumph for apathy, and make it extremely difficult for investors with a legitimate complaint against the board to get any action. Too cosy, Sir Hector.

He also urges shareholders, by implication institutional shareholders, to make a noise at annual meetings. When institutional investors have dissatisfaction with company managements, they tend either to sell or to put the pressure on behind closed doors. Sir Hector believes they should make their concerns public in the forum of the annual meeting where management has the responsibility to give an account of its stewardship. A nice idea, but who is going to be the first to stand up?

Finally, he suggests that companies should incorporate into their articles of association a clause that limits the voting rights of any one shareholder so long as earnings per share continue to rise at a defined minimum rate. Now there is an idea which might appeal to institutions — and it is incredibly brave of Sir Hector to suggest it, given the solid rather than exciting earnings per share record of his own United Biscuits. Perhaps he will put it up for consideration at the next UB meeting. Come on Sir H, money where your mouth is.

### **Texas sows seeds with Gardenstore**

Texas Homecare, the DIY retailing subsidiary of Mr Cyril Stein's Ladbroke Group, has linked up with the fastgrowing Gardenstore chain to boost its share of the £2 billion British gardening market.

is now developing another 11, will be incorporated into an initial 12 of the 215 Texas Homecare superstores.

The first Gardenstore will start trading, under the exclu- reveal the financial structure slow down Gardenstore's

Drexel

coup for

talks with "a number of their

lieutenants." "We are talking

to their key people in the US

and then perhaps their sales-

men in Europe, which could

mean a total of 40 or 50

professionals," says Scott Dobbie, vice chairman of

County NatWest Securities.

With appropriate support

staff we could be talking about

100 people in total." He

described it as a "unique

opportunity to make a quan-

Sinking feeling

Michael Hingston, chief exec-

utive of Paragon Commun-

turn leap in the US."

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Easter, with the remaining 11 to open before the year-end. If the venture is successful, Gardenstore will open up in all the other Texas stores.

Mr Ron Trenter, the deputy chairman and managing direc-tor of Texas Homecare, said: "Over 150 Texas stores already include a garden centre. By combining with the specia-list brand leader, our objective is to rapidly establish market leadership in the gardening

Bound by contract not to

sive agreement, in time for or terms of the deal, Mr plans to open more stand-Easter, with the remaining 11 Trenter simply said it would alone outlets, of which he to open before the year-end. If be beneficial for both parties. It is believed that the ven-

> the profitability of Texas Homecare's garden side, and establish it firmly as the leader in the gardening market. "It's a very nice deal for both of us," said Mr Malcolm Parkinson, the former Wool-worth chief executive and B&Q founder who set up

ture will substantially increase

Gardenstore close to a year

Gardenstore is a subsidiary of Retail Corporation, the private company set up by Mr Parkinson and two former B&Q colleagues, Mr John Kennedy and Mr Alan Greenaides. In less than a year Gardenstore has become one of the largest specialist gardening retailers in Britain, with a turnover of about £25 million.

Mr Parkinson said he plans He said the deal will not to float Retail Corporation by 1991 or 1992 at the latest.

### By Melinda Wittstock

Gardenstore, which operates 12 outlets covering 2 million so ft of retail space and

#### THE TIMES CITY DIARY

#### Reid between the lines A clash of the titans that was markets and investors.

Priding itself for being the early bird that catches the worm, County NatWest WoodMac has picked up two of the most senior equities clearly never to be \_ John Ashcroft, battered head of the men from the debris of the collapsed Drexel Burnham equally battered Coloroll about "Why do some com-Group, was to have addressed panies become disenchanted Lambert empire in the US. After signing on the dotted Group, was to have addressed line last night, Arthur Kirsch, his tormentors, in the form of until recently head of the the National Association of Pension Funds, at their annual to learn that he cancelled the entire equities division at DBL, now becomes president conference in Eastbourne toand chief executive of County day. But Ashcroft, never previously one to shy away from such public engagements, has apparently backed off from NatWest Securities Inc. County's American arm. And his colleague John Kellenyi, formerly head of research at offering what would certainly Drexel - and rated the numhave been a combative view of ber one utilities analyst in the US - is also joining the firm, again as head of research. Tim Ferguson, chief executive of £9.75 million takeover offer County NatWest has been in New York since Saturday to handle the negotiations personally and he is now in

ications, who has just agreed a ston, aged 41, who married

from Shandwick - which claims to be the largest public relations firm in the world experienced a feeling of dejà vu when he awoke yesterday. Hearing that Tokyo had fallen by more than 1,100 points brought memories flooding back of his first attempt to float Paragon - with a completion meeting scheduled for October 19, 1987.
"That turned out to be Black Monday and we had to reschedule our float for December, at 80p a share - haif our original flotation price," he says. "When I woke up yesterday and heard about Tokyo, I thought 'Oh no, it's going to happen all over again. But with the under-

one of his employees, Julia Barker, just before Christmas. was last night able to reflect on the £2.35 million he's now worth. "I've extended my service contract to three years, and I've agreed to keep at least 50 per cent of my shares in Shandwick," he says. "But I don't know what I'm going to do with the rest yet. I've already bought the matrimonial home in Rochampton, I've got a second in Barnes which I can't sell, and I've no plans to buy anything else." He did let slip, however, that some of his new found wealth might fund a long overdue honeymoon. Earlier plans for a trip to the South Sea Islands had to be cancelled when one of his major clients, Kingwriting now completed, Hingfisher, launched its bid for

the estate agency group Rich-

#### Barber's close shave

Lord Barber still remembered

as the man who carried out Ted Heath's "U-turn", thus creating the "Barber boom" and issuing considerable quantities of gilt-edged stock in the process, his attendance at Heath's celebratory lun-According to the advance cheon in the Lancaster Room billings, he was due to speak at the Savoy Hotel yesterday to commemorate the former PM's 40 years as a constitwith a public quotation?" But delegates will be disappointed uency MP - was something of a coincidence. For later the engagement two weeks ago.
Acting as his understudy, and
putting "The Case for Propsame day 136 past and present gilt-edged brokers, traders and issuers, many of whom benefited enormously from Bar-ber's actions, met in an erty" will be Iain Reid, from adjacent room at the Savoy for ard Ellis. A man with time on something called the Straight Eighth Dinner - a name taken from the maximum commission chargeable on a giltedged trade. And they toasted their considerable good fortune in those bygone days. The second such dinner to be held - the first, in 1988, was billed as The Grand Gilt Get Together - and with Sir Nigel Althaus, the last Government broker, as the speaker, it may well become a bi-annua event Organized by Julian Goldsmid, ex-Laurie Milbank, Tony Gibson, ex-Clive Discount, and Peter Chappell, ex-Sheppards, it is an entirely social function. "Since Big Bang nobody sees each other any more and a lot of people have now retired," says Chap-pell, himself now a financial PR consultant. "This is a

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chance for them all to meet up

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#### Receiver called in at Memory offshoots

By Colin Campbell

Mr Aidan McKenna, chairman of the troubled Irish computer company Memory Computers, has resigned and 11 subsidiaries have been placed in receivership.

Memory's shares were suspended last December at 17.5p each since when there have been talks concerning a possible management buyout. However in February the buyout talks were aborted, and yesterday Memory Com-

puter said that Mr Bernard Somers of Somers & Associates had been appointed receiver of 11 subsidiary companies. Memory Computer Plc itself was not placed in receivership.
Mr McKenna took over as

chairman last December following the departure of Mr Frank Casey, the previous chairman.

Memory Computers has had a chequered history on the Stock Exchange since it received a quotation on the unlisted securities market back in December 1982. In September 1984 the

group pulled out of a proposed Ir£2 million (£857,000) share placing and then in December of that year proposed a Ir£3.4 million share placing.

In 1985 the company re-

Doctor's care sees £127,000 at half-time after only £52,000 for all of previous year

## Havelock ills respond to treatment

The disposals have resulted

in a £60,000 exceptional charge and an £80,000 extra-

ordinary item for some redun-

There is no interim divi-

ed an interim 2.6p last time, but Mr Robertson and Mr

Hew Balfour, the new chief

last eight months of 1989 are

reported in April. The com-

pany has changed its year-end

Havelock, Britain's biggest shopfitter whose customers include Boots, Marks and Spencer and many other ma-

jor retailers, said order books

have never been stronger.

Most of the work is taking

place on new out-of-town retailing developments.

pany would offset the sea-

sonality of retail shopfitting by

expanding its activities into the hospital, laboratory and

Mr Balfour said the com-

to December.

Mr Lewis Robertson, the com- which were losing money and pany doctor hired tast May to costing management time," nurse Havelock Europa back said Mr Robertson. to good health, believes an encouraging set of interim results yesterday from the Scotush store design and shopfitting group show that his dancies and reorganization medicine is finally paying off.

Havelock, whose institutional investors brought in Mr Robertson as chairman after a collapse in its share price and profits, reported pre-tax profits of £127,000 for the six months to October 20, compared with just £52,000 for the dividend when results for the whole of the previous year.

Although Havelock reported an interim £1.39 million profit last time, it was followed by a quick plunge into losses of £1.34 million in the second half. Interim earnings per share are 0.5p (6.5p).

Mr Robertson, whose other rescues include Lilley, Triplex Lloyd and Borthwicks, said Havelock was now well on its way to a "strong recovery"
after a restructuring programme encompassing management changes, tighter reporting and control systems, and several disposals.

"It was a textbook case banking sector. really. We inherited three Its shares, down 5p to 127p good shopfitting units, but they were encumbered by yesterday having plunged from a 1987 high of 370p, have to reach 250p before Mr they were encumbered by poor administration, lack of direction and a number of Robertson receives a perforpoorly-judged acquisitions



Steel float secures watchdog backing

By Sheila Gunn Political Reporter

The Government has won praise from the National Audit Office, the independent public spending watchdog, for its handling of the British Steel privatization in the wake of the 1987 Stock Market crash. The National Audit Office backed the decision to offer two billion shares, at the relatively low price of 125p, and press ahead with the £2.4 billion sale in November, 1988, in spite of advice to delay it for three months because of uncertain market

conditions.

"On the final objective of relinquishing all government financial obligations, the successful floration of British Steel has achieved this objec-

tive," it concluded. The net cost of the sale, probably the lowest of any of the Government's privatizations, totalled £45.5 million gainst net proceeds of £2.4

Free, matching and dis-count shares offered to employees and pensioners in the company reduced receipts by £17.8 million.

● National Audit Office report on Department of Trade and Industry: Sale of Government Shareholding in British Steel

### Aeroflot offers perks in war on Western rivals

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

in an effort to prevent West-

Eastern Europe.
Soviet officials were shocked at the results of their first detailed market survey of passengers, which revealed that the airline had a poor reputation for efficiency, service and safety, and that their 10 per cent share of the Russian/American market was dwindling still further.

Now his travel between East and West is set to expand dramatically with massive demand from holidaymakers to see European cities which, until now, have been virtually sealed off from Western vis-itors. Aeroflot is determined

Mr David Coltman, vicepresident of America's United Airlines, told a conference of airline executives and aviation authorities in Paris this week that the new marketing drive by Aeroflot was already showing results. "All these problems are now accepted by the airline's management and they are doing something about it," he said. "In 1989 a \$1 million

advertising campaign was launched to change travel agents' perception. All sorts of Perestroika Perks have been introduced for high-yield pas-sengers such as free hotel nights. Mont Blanc pens, chauffeured cars to hotels and free side trips to cities like

Aeroflot, the Russian state airline, is to offer passengers a range of "Perestroika Perks" remarkable shift of public posture and shows so clearly how the thinking in the ern airlines dominating the booming demand for flights to Eastern Europe.

Contact officials were shocknow put into effect their

Mr Vladimir Samoroukov, director-general commercial of Aeroflot, said: "We are trying very hard to improve our image. We will be using our new Airbus on the At-lantic. Aeroflot has really stepped on the path of integration into a common system of world air transport."

The two-day conference, organized by Airline Business magazine, heard how the travel potential to the East could be almost unlimited and facturers could win orders worth up to \$18 billion as airlines in the East replaced ageing noisy Russian fleets with modern Western aircraft.

Leading the drive to open up Eastern Europe to tourists The Japanese government

has set a target of 10 million foreign trips a year to be made by their nationals by 1992 in an effort to reduce the balance of trade deficit. Growth in demand has been so great, however, that this will easily be surpassed this year.

Although the top three destinations remain Hawaii, Western Europe and Hong Kong, airlines report massive interest in towns and cities in the Eastern bloc.

acquisition of the 29.9 per cent

shareholding from AG Barr,

the Glasgow soft drinks com-

pany, by Karl Fazer, the Finnish food group, had led to

co-operation agreements in selling, distribution and re-search and development.

costs of closing the Glasgow factory, although there was

better productivity from the

marshmallow production line at the newly-equipped Liverpool plant.

There was an extraordinary loss of £66,000 relating to the

## Higher value goods lift Taveners 35%

By Philip Pangalos (1.25p). The company said the

A move to higher value products helped Taveners, the Liverpool confectionery group, improve pre-tax profits by 35 per cent to £287,000 in the year to end-December.

Group turnover was virtually unchanged at £10.6 million, despite a 7 per cent fall in British sales, which were affected by the long hot sum-mer, and a 10 per cent reduction in exports due to the concentration on higher value products. Earnings per share rise by 36 per cent to 9.41p and the final dividend is 1.50p

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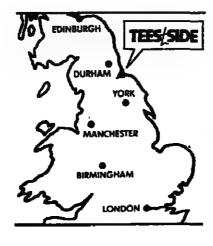
Hoping to pay a final dividend to loyal shareholders: Hew Balfour, the new chief executive of Havelock Europa, yesterday



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**Initiative Talent Ability** 

## \$1bn satellite venture for US

announced a new \$1 billion for the United States.

The News Corporation, NBC, Cablevision Systems Corporation and Hughes Communications are to aunch Sky Cable in late 1993.

The high-power satellite system will beam signals for the latest High Definition Television (HDTV) systems and digital quality audio to "napkin-sized" satellite dishes that will cost about \$300.

"We have great confidence in the proposed Hughes technology which should break new ground for future entertainment and information Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of News International, which owns The Times.

He added: "At The News Corporation we have been busy launching, selling and delivering a new programming service in the United Kingdom. That service, Sky Television, utilizes direct broadcast satellite technology and a unique video encryption service. We expect to apply our experience to the dev-

Four media companies have 108 channels available and

will be the first direct broadcast satellite in the US. The service will be beamed

to American homes from the most powerful space transmitter ever launched for commercial communications, provided by Hughes Communica-tions. Sky Cable will be the first system to offer HDTV to the US on a broad consumer scale. Viewers will be offered a variety of services, including multi-channel packages, subscription channels and

"Sky Cable is a major step forward into the 21st century for US TV viewers," said Mr Stephen Petrucci, president and chief executive of Hughes Communications. "For the first time, rural Americans will be afforded the opportunity to enjoy truly broad-based cable services like those available by cable in urban

pay-per-view programmes.

"The new service will give Americans a taste of the next century's boundless range of video choices, sharply enhanced picture reception and more realistic sound," he said.

The companies announced last night that the new service will require a total investment of about \$1 billion, with up to Long Island, and 10 regional Sky Cable will have up to one third in equity and \$325 sports channels.

The equity will be divided

equally among the four part-ners and will be paid into the venture in equal amounts over the next four years. The remaining capital will be used as working capital. Mr Charles F. Dolan, chair-

man and chief executive of Cablevision Systems Corpora-tion said Sky Cable "will bring Americans a wonderfully diverse menu of new programmes, catered to individ-ind bastes." He added: "It will speed the arrival of advanced technologies such as HDTV and digital sound. "Sky Cable will also afford

viewers in areas not served by cable - many of whom don't have the space or funds for old-Eshioned satellite dishes - a less cumbersome and far more economical way to access an exciting new array of NBC is America's leading

television network and owns television stations in seven Cablevision and NBC have

extensive interests in cable programming, jointly owning the Consumer News and Business Channel, Bravo, Sports Channel America, News 12-

## News Corp plans Whisky distillers taste a bitter tax



Waiting to toost a change in the tax which hits Scottish distillers: Sandy Grant Gordon

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

chairman and managing director, of William Grant & Sons whose brands include Britain's best selling malt whisky Glenfiddich, will be one of the keenest watchers of the first Budget of Mr John Major.

Mr Gordon, a member of what is now claimed to be the oldest whisky family still in the business and stretching back to 1887, is in the van of the Scotch whisky distillers who, through the Scotch Whisky Association (SWA), are asking the Chancellor to mitigate the effects of "unfairly high" tax bills.

Corporation tax bears hard on the distillers because of the maturation period needed for whisky. The longer the period the heavier the tax tends to be. This means the worst hit distillers are mostly those making malt whiskies which are often kept for 10 years or more to bring them that much nearer to perfection.

By law, whisky distillers must mature their spirits for at least three years although the average is about five. As a partial offset to the higher bills the SWA is asking the Chancellor for a three-year maturation allowance in line with the legal minimum.

The whisky distillers have faced bigger tax bills ever since stock relief was phased out in Mr Nigel Lawson's first Budset. The manufacturing cost of the whisky is struck when it is distilled plus the warehousing cost. The more inflation there is during the period whisky is maturing the higher the tax.

Mr Gordon said: "Corporation Tax is paid at 35 per cent account of inflation.

Mr Sandy Grant Gordon, but with the inflation factor we are paying the equivalent of about 70 per cent. It has been the equivalent of 100 per cent in some years."

He added: "This is ex-tremely painful. What William Grant is paying is equal to our whole interest bill." Were stock relief still operat-

ing the tax bill would be about half what it is, he estimates. He and the other distillers believe it is particularly unfair because virtually no other business activity suffers so much from the problem of necessarily long-period stocks. Aircraft spares specialists are one of the few in carrying key high value items like spare engines.

The bottled malts of Macallan Glenlivet, distillers of The Macallan, are mostly between 10 and 12 years old but some are as much as 25 years old. Mr William Phil-lips, managing director there, said its tax bills were still reasonable because the tailend of stock relief was still being felt but shortly it was expecting to be paying the equivalent of a 70 per cent or more Corporation Tax rate.

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The malt distillers feel that what adds weight to their case is that they are providing jobs in remote areas as distilleries are often located in the highlands and islands of Scotland

It is also argued that in countries with competitor products - notably France with its cognacs and the United States with its bourbons - distillers have an option to be taxed on a current accounting basis which takes

throughout the world had

continued to decline in the last

six months and was still far

BCE's problems were com-

pounded by continued pres-

sure on margins and higher

interest rates, with interest costs rising by 80 per cent to

In addition, subsidiaries in

Belgium, which have now

from buoyant.

£590,000.

### Minorco back on acquisition trail in \$705m deal for US gold miner

By Colin Campbell, Mining Correspondent

The \$2.5 billion cash-rich company, and will make a ounces of gold. More financial Minorco group is to take over tender offer for the balance of details follow next week with Minorco group is to take over Freeport-McMoRan Gold, the the gold arm. US gold mining company for Analysts have waited a long \$705 million - equivalent to \$17 a share — in the first of what could be a series of its 1988 promise of expanding

international deals. Minorco said it has reviewed a number of acquisition opportunities in the US and abroad and concluded Freeport-McMoRan Gold was "attractive."

21 per cent premium to marhistoric earnings, and is vestor and becoming an Minorco's first significant deal operator. since bowing out of the bid battle for Consolidated Gold Fields last year.

per cent stake from Freeport-McMoRan Inc. the parent able reserves of 2.22 million

time for Minorco to move on the acquisition front and fulfil along the natural resources

orco's commercial director, said from New York yesterday that Minorco had not been unactive." der any pressure to spend its The cash price represents a cash and that the Freeport deal confirmed it was moving ket price and almost 55 times away from being a passive in-

Even after the Freeport deal, Minorco will have cash holdings of about \$1.8 billion. Minorco is acquiring a 61 Freeport brings Minorco atthe tender offer document.

Meanwhile, Minorco's first formal flight on the acquisi-tion trail has fanned speculation about its next move. Although the latest deal by Minorco is gold-related, the group is determined to expand Mr Roger Phillimore, Minwithin the widest possible field of sutural resources.

It was an earlier market suggestion that Minorco had been thinking about bidding for BP Coal, which had put up for sale various US and European coal interests.

But in view of more recent developments concerning Peabody, the largest US coal producer, it is a further investment thought that Minorco could feature on the coal front.

cent shareholding in New-mont Mining, has bought out three minority stakes in Peabody and may, in time, be a buyer of the controlling Pea-body stake which is held by

Newmont If Hanson is true to form and packages up investments only to sell them on, then Hanson might in time be a seller of all of Peabody - to

An asset sale by Hanson to Minorco would complete the investment circle. It was the sale by Minorco of its stake in ConsGold to

Hanson that finally delivered all of ConsGold into Hanson's lap in 1989. Minorco, which has an estimated net worth of about \$20

a share, yesterday traded at

#### Ricardo and SAC in £23m merger

The fortunes of BCE Holdings, the Unlisted Securities Market snooker and pool table By Melinda Wittstock Ricardo Group, the Sussex-based engine and trans-missions designer that escap-ed the clutches of First and accessories group, have continued to worsen, with the company turning in a pre-tax loss of £1.16 million in the six Technology last year, has set up shop with SAC Inter-national, the engineering de-sign group, in a £23.5 million months to end-September, against a £93,000 profit last BCE will not pay an interim agreed merger intended to dividend, which was 0.4p last build critical mass in an

increasingly competitive In an all-share deal leaving SAC shareholders with 53.4 per cent of the combined group, Ricardo is offering 82 of its own shares for every 100 held in SAC, valuing SAC's shares at 115p, based on the 140p price of Ricardo's

pesterday. Ricardo has aiready received irrevocable acceptances from all the directors and founding investors of SAC, as well as from two institutions. representing about 46 per cent of SAC's equity. Framlington Group has also agreed to accept the offer.

The enlarged group, which will have a market capitaliza-tion of \$44 million and turnover of £60.3 million, will become one of Britain's leading independent mechanical design consultancies, benefitting from geographic as well as operational synergies Mr Roger Smedley, the chairman and chief executive

of SAC, who becomes chairman of SAC-Ricardo, said the merger would not cause any redundancies or closures. SAC-Ricardo would con-

centrate on expanding into vehicle body design and gas turbine power generation, while looking to acquire engineering software companies. The merged company said

that it would take advantage of "the enormous potential of the "the enormous potential of the Far East".

Mr Doug Taylor, Ricardo's chairman and chief executive, is managing director of the enlarged group.

The merger was announced as 24 per pictule reported a 24 per

as Ricardo reported a 34 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £1.49 million, with earnings per share up 32 per ceut to 7.25p.

Accepting SAC sharehold-ers will not receive Ricarde's interim dividend of 1.9p, but SAC will pay its shareholders a 1.6p dividend for the year to

### BCE falls to £1.16m loss amid snooker recession

By Philip Pangalos



share, compared with 0.18p Fisher: snooker murket dull The deep recession in the £6.06 million to £4.98 million. snooker market and the

with British accessory sales down by about 30 per cent. Mr David Fisher, chairman, said that the market for bil-

been closed, lost about £200,000, and a Canadian snooker hall lost between £300,000 and £400,000. Mr George Withy, finance director, said that the com-

pany was trying to contract and that staffing had been halved in the last six months. However, there is likely to be a substantial loss for the full year despite the restructuring. The shares lost 1p to 16p.

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### **Butler Cox acquires CITI**

By Our Industrial Editor

Butler Cox, the information technology group floated last year, is acquiring Cranfield Information Technology In-stitute (CITI) for up to a maximum £900,000 at the end of two years depending on profit levels.

time. It omitted a final divi-

dend last summer after slip-

There is a 4.16p loss per

worldwide downturn in de-

mand for accessories, which

account for more than half of

the company's annual sales,

led to a fall in turnover from

ping into the red.

earnings previously.

CTTI was created in 1986 by marrying academics linked to Cranfield Institute of Technology and specialists with an industrial background associated with a number of spon-

soring industrial companies. One of the CITI specialities which Butler Cox expects to

tial CITI client list, including British Telecom, Jaguar, Hol-land's DAF and Fokker, Abbey National and ICL The four sponsors of CITI -

British Telecom, British Petroleum, British Gas and BICC - last year considered it might be better for CIII to become part of a wider organization as it was neither wholly belonging to the Cranfield Institute nor standing alone as a commercial concern.

This led to an approach to Butler Cox last November.

Milton Keynes which is within easy travelling distance of the institute. Principal and managing director of CITI is

Mr George Cox, managing director of Butler Cox, said: "CITI will extend our range and strong links will be re-tained with Cranfield university. Both the university and the industrial sponsors are keen to see the CITI concept developed further."

An advisory board for CITI will be headed by Professor There is an initial payment of Frank Hartley, Cranfield's develop is bespoke education programmes for industrial acquired, the intention being will rank for university companies. There is a substan-

### Yorkshire Chemicals at £9.6m

By Jeremy Andrews

Trading conditions at York-shire Chemicals, the manufac-lead to a 7 point jump in the turer of textile dyes and tanning chemicals based in Leeds, became more favourable as 1989 progressed and profits rose by 13 per cent to £9.6 million before tax in the year to December on sales 19 per cent up at £70 million. Mr Phillip Lowe, chairman,

said profits would have been "considerably greater" but for a 14-week overtime ban which

tax charge to 30 per cent and this, and a slight increase in issued capital, led to a 1 per cent decline in earnings per share to 36.3p. Mr Lowe said future levels of corporate tax were unlikely

to restrict growth in earnings to the same extent as in 1989.

disrupted the first half. The at 12p. Mr Lowe said the shareholders funds.

immediate outlook was good. Foreign exchange cover was in place at more favourable rates than in 1989 and the revised employment contracts should facilitate the resumption of strong productivity growth.

Outlay on capital investiment and acquisitions rose to £7.2 million from £6.5 million in 1978. This was again fin-A 1.5p increase in the final anced from trading cash flow and net borrowings at the year total distribution a fifth higher

Largest Japanese insurer joins rush to take maximum stake

### The sun rises over HK Bank

From Lala Ya, Hong Kong

Nippon Life Insurance of Japan, the world's largest life insurance company, has become a significant 1 per cent shareholder in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The company, which accounts for about 3 per cent of Tokyo's stock market capitalization, is the third Japanese insurance company to buy the maximum permissible 1 per cent share-holding in Hongkong Bank. Dai-ichi Mutual Life and Meiji Mu-

tual Life, respectively the second and fourth largest insurance companies in Japan, have each bought a similar stake within the last 11 months, underscoring the bank's attractiveness as an invest-ment target for cash-rich Japanese

The 1 per cent stake, in the region of 52 illion shares, costs a little over 6 billion

Mr George Cardona, the bank's spokesman, said it welcomed the acquisition. "We like to have such a large company as our shareholder. It dem-onstrates their confidence in us."

Under Hongkong Bank rules investors are not allowed to own more than I per cent of the shares without board ap-proval, and no one is known to have a holding beyond that limit.

Nippon Life bought its shares through the Hong Kong stock market, but the price of the investment and the period over which the purchase took place has not been made public.

Nippon Life, which set up a repre-sentative office in Hong Kong last year, is one of a fast-growing group of Japanese investors and fund managers in the colony. At least seven others - all of them Tokyo's largest life insurance

yen (£24.2 million) at current share companies — have established branches or joint venture subsidiaries here in the

past three years.

Most of them supply their parent groups with financial information on south-east Asia. Some place orders for their parents in Tokyo, manage portfolios for clients in the colony, and make private placements for Hong Kong and international companies. They do not conduct any incurance business in the conduct any insurance business in the

colony. "Japanese companies are all trying to intensify investment in Hong Kong and increase their exposure to south-east Asian equity," said Mr Harnyuki Kanda, executive vice-president of Normura International (HK), the colony's largest Japanese broking and research company.

"This is a region of the fastest growth compared with Europe and the US," he

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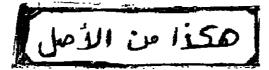
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TOKYO

### Third worst fall for Nikkei as wary investors stay away

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

third worst fall ever and its biggest slump since 1987's crash as confused and timid investors shied away from a bearish market. Thin volume and uncertainty about Japanese interest rates amplified the fall. The Nikkei index sank 1,161.19 points to 35,734.33.

Speculation about an imminent rise in interest rates here robbed the dollar of nearly half of its initial gains, but it still ended Y0.57 higher

Mr Robert Feldman, an of Salomon Brothers, the US ket. Although the bonu manifered by the short-covering, its recent weakness has undermined economist at the Tokyo offices decided that at current and prospective levels of Japanese

The stock market suffered its overvalued. We think a fair branch of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, said: "We don't see any value is between 32,000 and 6,000. It's almost there now. selling panic. Volume was "The volume was low, so small. Obviously, at the mo-35,000. It's almost there now. it's not at all a panic. I don't ment, there are no strong

buying incentives. So prob-ably the market will stay weak. think there was too much impact from Tuesday's Wall Street fall. The market is great, perhaps pushing the market towards 35,000. The reacting to Japanese events, not international ones. Therefore, the ripple effects will be market will find support at limited. They will be ripples, about 35,000 and enter a period of consolidation." not waves."

Worries about when the Bank of Japan might raise interest rates again to bolster the weakening yen has dented confidence in the stock mar-

Mr Takeshi Yamamoto, the markets during the next two or nterest rates the market was head of research at the Tokyo three years."

#### HONG KONG

### **Biggest reverse for four months**

From Lule Yu, Hong Kong

The market suffered its sharp- HK\$1.66 billion (£124.5 mil- from international fund manest plunge in four months lion) compared with Tues-following the news of a crash day's HK\$1.74 billion. in Tokyo. The Hang Seng index closed down 118.63

Feb 21 Feb 20 midday close

points, or 3.98 per cent, at the market had been strong depress the market for a 2,862.27 on a turnover of and flooded by buying orders couple more weeks."

agers. Mr Nicholas Pang of Cresvale Far East, a broker, Analysts said the extent of said: "The cause is entirely the fall here was surprising as external but it is bound to

Mr Paul Summerville, an

economist at Jardine Fleming

Securities, said: "People are

fairly relaxed here. In the

short-term, things don't look

particularly encouraging. But in the long-term, this is bar-

gain basement season. This

market will still outperform

European and American stock

(STOCK MARKET)

## London feels the Tokyo chill

well to the news of Tokyo's third biggest one-day drop and the further losses on Wall

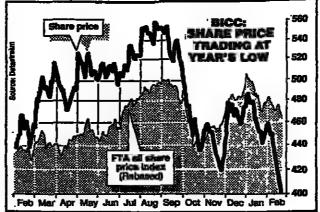
An early markdown saw the FT-SE 100 index 35 points lower before the start of official trading but, after fluctuating wildly for the rest of the day, it closed 17.3 lower at 2,259.7. The FT index of top "But future falls won't be as 30 shares lost 15.2 to 1,783.8 on a turnover of 427 million

> A resilient start to trading in New York enabled investors to shrug off the 1,161-point slump in the Nikkei index in Japan. Selling was easily conand fund managers are starting to take an increasingly by IEP which has already been bearish view of things.

> ker, says that a recession remains a real threat and is 22p a share in the market for giving a warning of rises in mock interest rates in both West Germany and Japan. It is also lion shares this week while Mr predicting that the London Maxwell is believed to have accounted for the bulk of the 2,000 level.

Government securities drew strength from a better start following Tuesday's performance by the West Ger- presentation for fund manman bond market to close with gains of £1/2.

Mr Robert Maxwell, who



tained by market-makers who between them account for 23 of 401p following a even encountered a few buyers per cent, have been adding to downgrading of profit estitute cheap end. But brokers their holdings. Both of them mates by Kleinwort Benson. Kleinwort has reduced its object to the 17p-a-share bid forecast of pre-tax profits for the current year from £220 million to £205 million. Last year, BICC made £156 accepted by the consortium Kleinwort Benson, the bro- banks which rescued GPG. They have been paying up to Kleinwort made

downgrading after the dis-appointing figures overnight from Metal Manufacturing, its Lord Kissin bought 8 mil-61 per cent-owned Australian 10 million GPG shares traded subsidiary. It thinks the figures underline just how exposed BICC is to the Tate & Lyle made a firm

agers, arranged by Hoare Govett. But the appearance of GPG's two biggest a parcel of 1.5 million shares shareholders, Lord Kissin and left the price 9p lower at 305p. biggest a parcel of 1.5 million shares BICC fell 8p to a 1990 low

ures. Analysts are looking for a marginal rise in pre-tax profits from £1.47 billion to £1.5 billion. Most of them will be paying particular attention to the performance in the final quarter for any signs of a There has also been talk that

ahead of today's full-year fig-

ICI will take the opportunity to dispose of its 25 per cent interest in Enterprise Oil. Lasmo also holds a 25 per cent stake in Enterprise, which finished 10p cheaper at 630p, after 625D.

NatWest County WoodMac, the broker, claims that Enterprise has been overbought. The group is linking-up with Gas Tranmission UK to build a gas pipeline running from Norfolk to the Thames Estuary. WoodMac says that it will put Enterprise in direct competition with British Gas and will only add its extensive capital commitments.

Shell eased 4p to 470p despite full-year figures showing net income rising from £2.9 billion to £3.9 billion. Dealers thought that it was an impressive performance, but were disappointed by the final dividend of 10.7p. They had been looking for between 10.8p and 11p.

Lasmo recovered an early fall to finish 9p higher at 627p after announcing plans to dispose of its North Sea oil

of the Audrey Field, prospective developments on J-block and 20 exploration blocks in the southern, central and northern areas of the North Sea. Companies have been invited to make an offer.

Colorell, Mr John Ashcroft's troubled soft furnishings group, continued to respond to the news of stake-building with a 1½p rise to 24p. Mercurius Gruppen, the Swedish company headed by Mr Peter Gyllenhammar, and an associate, Proventus, have built up a 5.03 per cent stake. This week Mercurius increased its stake in Phoenix Timber, unchanged at 104p, to 15 per cent and aiready holds a 5 per cent stake in Chloride, the battery producer, down 1p at 38p.

Eurotunnel recouped an early fall to end 8p better at 588p after resolving its dispute with the project's consortium of contractors, Transmanche-Link. As part of the agreement, Dr Tony Ridley will resign - just a week after being appointed project managing director — and Mr John Neerhout will replace him. The banks are now expected to allow Eurotunnel to draw on funds and pay the

Michael Clark

#### WALL STREET

#### Dow rally after early 30 point setback

New York (Reuter) - The Dow Jones industrial average was down by 23 points at 2,573.85 in early trading after falling by more than 30 points in less than 10 minutes at the opening. A firming in bonds and light interest in bursered blue chips helped shares to recover slightly from the steep

Tokyo's overnight rout of almost 1,200 points and the biggest jump in US consumer prices in seven and a half years years hit prices.

Special situations also contributed to the decline. Mr Ken Ducey, a senior vice-president at SG Warburg, said: "I think we're taking a breather here."

● Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index fell by 50.98 points, or 3.19 per cent, to 1,544.42. Prices closed sharply lower

selling in reaction to the plunge in Tokyo. Turnover rose slightly to 239.8 million shares (234.4 million). Sydney - The All-Ord-

inaries index finished 6.2 down at 1,624.2 but above its low of 1,611.7. The All-Industrials index fell 4.0 to 2,513.9 and the All-Resources lost 7.4 to 943.5, under pressure from the recent rise in the Australian dollar above 76 US

Frankfurt - The DAX index ended 16.62 points lower at 1,807.19 after a drop of 45.38 points, or 2.5 per cent, on Tuesday. Prices ended lower but above the day's lows after a rebound in bonds.

 Johannesburg — The over-all share index closed at a preliminary 3,167 from Tues-day's 3,203. The market ended mixed-to-easier after Tuesday's gains due to little followthrough support as traders opted for caution.

### registered shares to foreign buyers

and at the same time converting its participation certificates into registered shares.

But the group added that an existing rule limiting the hold-ing of a single individual or group to 2 per cent of its share capital would remain.

Ciba said the present employee share ownership plan would be further developed and top management would be encouraged to take an increased stake in Ciba-Geigy's share capital. They would obtain options depending on individual and company performance.

In November, 1988, Nestlé, the Swiss food group which took over Rowntree, broke new ground by opening its register to foreigners. It was followed soon after by Jacobs

The exclusion of foreigners

Ciba-Geigy, the Swiss chemi- has been at least partly decal group, is opening up its signed to prevent foreign take-registered shares to foreigners overs of Swiss firms, since registered shares are usually in the majority.

> Ciba-Geigy has 3.5 million registered shares against 750,000 bearers, which have consequently traded at a premium, and 1.1 million nonvoting participation certif-

> Dealers said the market had been surprised by Ciba-Geigy's move and early prebourse trading was hectic. The two shares converged sharply. Registered shares rose Sv Fri65 (£65.20) to close at Sw Fr3,050, and bearers fell Sw Fr210, to Sw Fr3400.

Cibe-Geigy is the first of Switzerland's three main chemical firms to make the move, seen by most analysts as necessary for Swiss firms if they are to remain compet-Suchard, the chocolates group. itive in a more liberal European financial market.

### Ciba-Geigy opens | Nymex plans gas contract

By Colin Narbrough

Having played a lead role in the same for natural gas this early April. Spring, Mr Lou Guttman, the Nymex chairman, said in London yesterday.

fluctuations of the Australian

dollar. Kleinwort estimates

that Australia now accounts

for at least 30 per cent of

ICI eased 9p to £10.27

operating profits.

The Commodities and Futures Trading Commission, the regulatory authority for the industry in the United States, is due to decide on February 27 whether Nymex can go ahead with a natural

"financializing" crude oil, the the green light, Nymex hopes New York Mercantile Ex- to have the contract up and change is hoping to start doing running on the exchange in Mr Guttman said he was

"very bullish" about the prospects for the new contract, if intentions reported in the market were accurate. But he stressed that Nymex was not expecting anything near the volumes traded in its crade oil contracts

Deregulation of the natural situation.

gas futures contract. If it gets gas industry during the the green light, Nymex hopes Reagan administration opened the way to developing a more sophisticated market in the commodity in the US, including a derivatives mar-

> Mr Guttman said that after a study of the scope for a natural gas firmres contract appeared to be leading nowhere, Nymex decided to take a more proactive interest which has led to the present

### Wool chief's investment call

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Wool textile manufacturers, despite difficult trading conditions, need to continue pumping in investment to keep the industry competitive. imports cheaper.

This call came from Mr David Blackburn, president of the Confederation of British Wool Textiles, at the trade body's annual meeting.

Undoubtedly the industry had problems because high interest rates had caused a

decline in the home market as to improve. It is a difficult retail sales dropped. At the decision to make to maintain same time high-value sterling investment levels but I am was both increasing the cost of sure it is the right, and only, exports as well as making one."

It must be tempting at such a juncture to cut back on but he went on: "There is no way we will be able to compete with overseas industry if we sit

The British textile industry was "viable and could see us through this decade and bespending, said Mr Blackburn, yond," he said. But a top priority was to recruit more school leavers into the industry and ensure better train-

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#### Final dividend 1989

Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on Thursday, 15th March, 1990 for the preparation of warrants for a Final dividend for the year 1989 of 10.7p per 25p Ordinary Share. If approved at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 17th May, 1990 the dividend will be paid on 21st May, 1990.

For transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar, Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex, BN12 6DA, not later than 3pm on 15th March,

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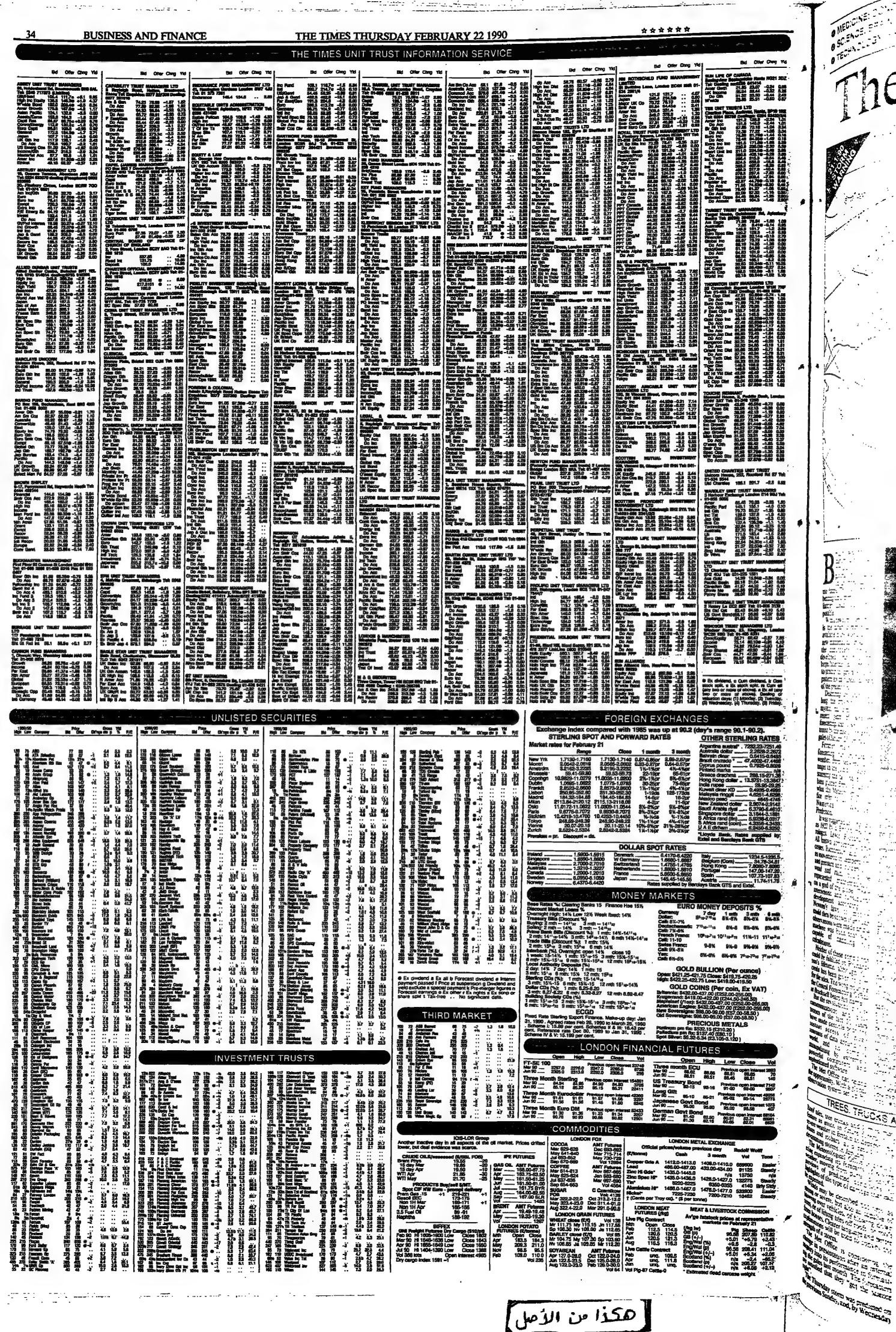
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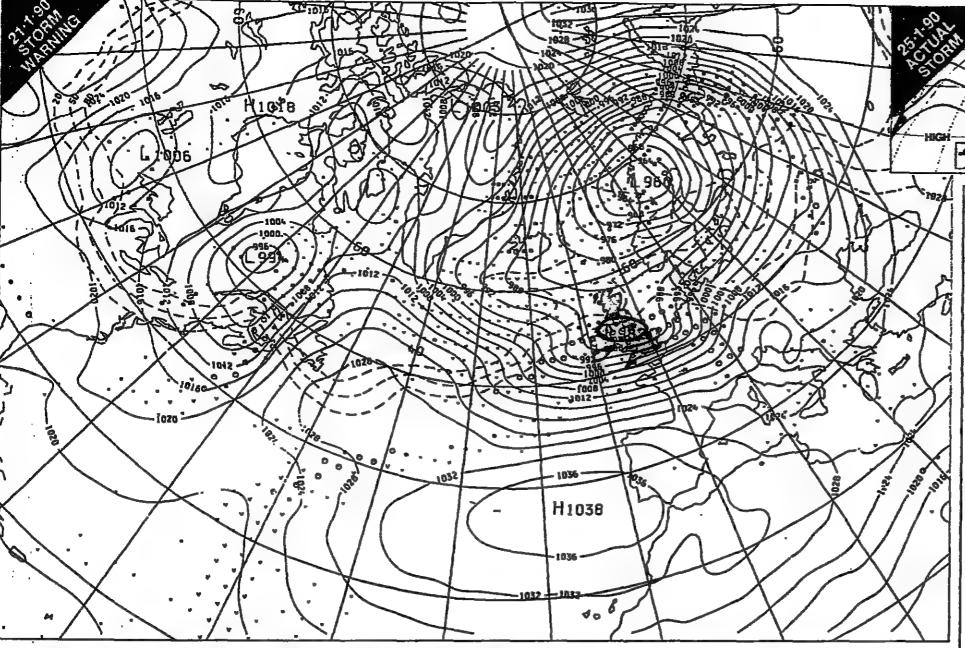
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### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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## The men in the eye of the storm



casters are looking forward eagerly to getting their hands on an extra day in the future. They will not be bending time, merely looking further ahead than now possible. With a new computer which

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is the fastest commercially new mathematical model of the atmosphere specially developed to run on it, they hope, later this year, to be able to predict the general weather pattern six days ahead instead of the present five.

Describing the future, so

long the province of the mystic, has come true in recent years of weather forecasting, and is well illustrated by the case of the great gales of January 25 (see right). Former methods of

forecasting our changeable weather, from seaweed and tinges in the joints to keenly scanning the sky, have now been pushed firmly aside by what the Meteorological Of-fice refer to as NWP -Numerical Weather Prediction.

It was suggested as long ago as 1922 by a British meteorologist, Lewis Richardson. All known atmospheric processes, Richardson said, such as movements in temperature and pressure and incidence of wind and rain, could be represented mathematically on a grid of the globe. Their interactions and subsequent development according to Newton's laws of motion could then be shown if enough observations were made and a machine was built that was capable of handling the calculations.

Neither of these conditions could be fulfilled in Richardson's lifetime, although full son's incrime, aimough the credit has been given to him fully with fewer observa-for the idea. The wing housing tions," he says. for the idea. The wing housing the Central Forecasting Office

at Bracknell bears his name. But the revolutions in telecommunications and electronics of the last 30 years have made possible both the instant access of huge ther services, ships, planes, amounts of data around the balloons and satellites, and world, and its complex coded numerically so they can London," Flood says. For manipulating by extremely powerful computers and sophisticated software.

observation system set up by into two mathematical models preferred.

Colin Flood (left),

Divisional Director of

Forecasting Services, says. He

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sands pour into Bracknell every hour down the special communications lines from

points all over the world,

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explains to Michael McCarthy how the world's fastest computer

and complex mathematics will give them six days

the World Meteorological Organization, it has become whole earth, the global or possible to build mathematical models of the whole atmosphere (or of part of it), feed in what is happening at a Atlantic area.

given moment, and see how it These giant computer pro- grid of 23,000 points over the grams, vast though they are, surface of the Earth at a are, of necessity, incomplete: 150km intervals, repeated up to give a full picture of what is through the atmosphere at 15 to give a full picture of what is going on in the whole of the Earth's atmosphere would re- of 345,000 points on which quire an infinite amount of atmospheric processes such as

is the man responsible for weather forecasting in Britain.

The weather systems we are trying to forecast are typically 100 to 200 miles across and Observations by the thou-

global model is used. "At that distance you have to know what the weather will be like over the complete globe to know what it will be like in shorter and more detailed rent languages.

In the Sixties office block in which provide the basis for the The Met Office has seized the Berkshire new town, these the opportunity. With a global observations are regularly fed casts, the fine mesh model is

How accurate are predictions from the Met Office? Weatherman

advance warning

of the atmosphere - one of the

One of only six in the world, the global model consists of a data. But they work.

"We're not trying to forecast every individual shower."

Colin Flood, the Met Office's

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> more detailed grid is used for the fine mesh model, covering a much smaller area. It consists of 4,000 points, again repeated at 15 levels up through the atmosphere for a total of 60,000, points, this time at 75km intervals.

weather forecasting is about nothing else. "It's about pieces of new data enter Bracknell every time the people as well," he says. "It's a global model is run (with man-machine mix. We get a about 2,500 for the fine mesh); better performance from using this is far too many for humans to input into the main both man and machine than CDC Cyber 205 computer, so we would from using either in the job is done by another computer, an IBM 3084Q.

The global model is run

to interpret computer fore-casts, applying knowledge of

how local features such as lakes or a range of hills are likely to affect weather pat-

terns, and for spotting in-

Flood took The Times on a

tour of the Central Forecasting

Office, which feels like a war

room with its definite air of

twice a day, and, progressing in steps of 15 minutes at a time, it takes about an bour to map out the weather mathematically for the next five days, as accurately as it was mapping out the next 24 hours 10 years ago. For each 15 minutes of the forecast, the Cyber, the fastest machine in bought it in 1981, solves about 1.5 million equations.

Fast though it is, (the Bracknell version is capable of 800 million floating point operations a second) there are machines that are now much faster. The Met Office has just bought a Cray YMP 8/32, the fastest computer on the market. For an outlay of more than £5 million, the Met Office has a piece of hardware four times faster than the Cyber, capable of 2.5 to 3 bil-lion calculations a second. The weathermen have designed a new and more com-

atmosphere to run on it. This model, now under-going trials, is known as the "unified" model because it will be used to predict long term climate change that could be brought about by the greenhouse effect, as well as to forecast the weather. At present a separate model is needed for climate change prediction on the Cyber.

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Dr Mike Cullen, leader of the design team, is confident it. will provide a specific bonus when it comes into full operation in the autumn.
"I would hope that the new

model in forecasting the wea-For the longer range fore-ther map would give us a casts - up to five days - the standard of about six days, as rently achieve" he says. "We forecast to Thursday from Sunday lanchtime with some confidence. The Thursday Sunday before. We are looking for a gain of an extra day."

Although many observa-tions, combined with massive computer power, can predict the future, Flood hastens to MODELS REMOVE THE GUESSWORK

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FROM FANTASY TO FACT Proof that prediction of the future has moved from fantasy to fact: this chart produced by the Meteorological Office computer at midnight on Saturday, January 20, clearly shows the great storm of Thursday, January 25, five and a half days before it struck and two days before it even came into existence. The chart, produced by running the computer's mathematical model of the whole of the world's atmosphere (the global or "coarse mesh" model), shows the predicted weather for noon on January 25: a low of 982 millibars centred over the

Next to it (above), is the chart from The Times of the weather that actually occurred at noon that Thursday: a low over the British Isles (actually slightly deeper at 968 millibars). This low, which was not born until Tuesday January 23 - and then, far out inthe Atlantic - was tracked ahead by Met Office forecasters at their Bracknell headquarters.

By Wednesday, it could be more clearly defined on the higher-resolution model of a more finely-focussed part of the North Atlantic region (the "fine mesh model"), which predicts weather up to 36 hours ahead and is used as the basis for British media forecasts.

The likely violence of the winds could then be clearly seen and the Met Office began issuing serious storm

The successful prediction of the January 1990 storm has caused a certain amount of quiet satisfaction at Bracknell after the barrage of criticism the forecasters received for their failure to predict the great storm of October 1987.

The 1987 miss, according to the Government's Independent report, was caused by a combination of inaccuracy in the computer predictions and a failure of the forecasters to compensate for this. As a result, more frequent runs of the numerical models were brought in, and forecasters were retrained in the latest computer science developments.

COMPUTER OVERHAUL

The Met Office's ageing supercomputer, a Cyber 205, dating from 1981, was also doubled in power while a new computer was brought in, with a new and more complex numerical model created to run on it.
"We do not take satisfaction in natural disasters,"

Colin Flood, the man in charge of forecasting, says. "But I think it is true to say that we are pleased that our professional skills have been vindicated," Flood says the chart on the left is remarkable in the success it represents. This cannot always be repeated by the mathematical models, even with the computer power now available. "I don't want people to think that we can get it as right as that every time," he says.

In the pipeline...

forecast, with the wind

Nick Ricketts had spotted

an observation sent in from a

Delta Airlines Jumbo at 35,000ft over the Aleutian Islands of Aleska the wind at

85 knots, 158 degrees - from

the south east. Every other

arrow in that area on his screen showed winds from just

south of west. "It should have

been 258 degrees," he said. "It was probably garbled in transmission. We'll just ignore it."

It is reassuring to know that when the world's fastest com-

puter starts forecasting our

weather later this year, there

will be somebody around to



#### TREES, TRUCKS AND TILES: TELLING THE REAL WEATHER STORY

Roof tiles, tree trunks and lorries may feature as much in future forecasts of severe weather in Britain as depressions, fronts and isobars, as a result of the devastating storms in January.

The Meteorological Office is considering expanding its forecasts of severe weather, moving from purely scientific previews of predicted conditions to highlights of the type of damage that can be expected.

Winds may be described not only as strong or severe, but also as capable of blowing over vehicles, of blowing down trees, or of lifting tiles off roofs, or roofs from houses. Clearer language and better explanations will be used to convey the strength of a storm.

The Met Office is considering the change in presentation after an internal inquiry into its performance in forecasting the gales last month. The forecasters are satisfied that they "got the science



night, its likely severity was known and flashed to the media. But the question is: did people get the message? Did people appreciate that the coming storm meant falling trees and, possibly, damage to

Colin Flood, the operational head of Britain's weather forecasting, thinks the warning might have been hammered home more effectively. "We got the warning out on time to the media," he says. "It's a question of whether it was highlighted when it was there."

The BBC and ITN have been asking the same question, and after discussions with both organizations, Flood and his The Thursday storm was predicted on the previous Sunday, and, by Wednesday circumstances may need reinforcing by

specific references to the effects of the predicted storm.

"I think we need to include more of the ffects of weather on people," he says. We need to know, and to say: what sort of wind speed causes a slate to come off a roof? What causes a roof to come off?-What wind speed causes a tree, or a highsided vehicle to topple over?"

Flood is setting up a project to bring together the information, much of which has already been researched by the Forestry Commission, the Road Research Laboratory and the Building Research Establishment.

The information is likely to be available for use in forecasts from later this year.

Flood says the Met Office's predictions can be remarkably accurate now. The success in forecasting the January 25 storm was an example of predicting a weather system which had not come into existence. "A lot of people seem to have the impression that we just find a system in the Atlantic and track it across."

## A search for the perfect match The case of the

The life of a young boy depends on a 'needle in a haystack' bid to find a bone marrow donor.

Thomson Prentice tells

how donors are screened

esearchers at the world's biggest register of potential bone marrow transplant donors are engaged in a life-saving quest this week, on behalf of a boy struck by leukaemia. The odds are stacked against Simon Flavell, aged nine. In a cruel coincidence, he suffers from the same rare form of the disease that his parents, both cancer specialists, have been

investigating for years. Already, more than 135,000 blood samples from possible donors have been screened at the Anthony Nolan Research Centre, based at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, north west London. But a perfect match remains

elusive.
Bone marrow transplants only succeed fully when the patient and donor have identical tissue types. Simon's case is more complex because he is Eurasian: his father is British, his mother Thai. "This means we are looking for a smaller needle in a bigger haystack," Richard Holman, laboratory manager at the centre,

Leukaemia is a primary disorder of the bone marrow stem cell. Instead of dividing and producing the cellular elements of the blood in an orderly way, the leukaemic cell reproduces itself many times, but there is no ensuin production of normal red cells, white cells and

Sufferers become americ and vulnerable to infections and the risk of bleeding. In two thirds of cases, the condition can be cured by chemotherapy, but Simon belongs in the unfortunate third for whom a transplant is the only alternative.

Tissue-typing the samples involves defining all the different proteins, or antigens, present on the cells of body tissues.

White blood cells, or lencocytes, have virtually the same surface antigens as many other tissues, including bone marrow. The human leucocyte antigen system (HLA) has at least five different subsystems, each containing up to 20 different antigen types.

Thus, the number of possible permutations is enormous, and a perfect match between patient and donor is crucial before a transplant.

To tissue-type a prospective donor, a blood sample is taken. In the laboratory, the red and white cells are separated and then reacted with specific proteins or antisera that recognize the different leucocyte antigens.

Scientists observe the pattern of reactivity of the donor's white cells, and obtain a precise statement of the donor's HLA tissue type. The

results are then recorded on the centre's computer data base which is searched when a request is received for a donor with a given

tissue type.

The final stage of the process is to confirm the accuracy of the match. White blood cells from the patient and the prospective donor are collected on the same day and mixed in a test

After a five-day incubation period, the cells are examined to see if they are compatible. If so, the donor is requested to donate bone marrow so that the transplant can go ahead. The marrow is taken from the donor under general anaesthetic in an operation lasting

Marrow cells are collected with a syringe from the cavity of the hip bone and the sternum, or breast bone. No surgical incision is involved, and the donor usually spends a further day in hospital for recuperation. The cells which have been removed are replaced from the body's reserves within a few weeks.

about one hour.

We are working overtime to find a donor for Simon," Richard Holman says. "His life is at stake and we are still hopeful that among the large number of Eurasian donors now coming ward, a perfect match will be found."

imon's father, Dr David Flavell, and mother, Dr Sopsamorn Flavell, are leukaemia researchers at Southampton General Hospital, "We are enor-mously grateful to the centre for the

efforts it is making," David Flavell says.

The Anthony Nolan Research Centre has arranged 260 transplants so far and last year helped patients in 15 countries. The centre was set up in 1974 and named after Anthony Nolan, then aged two, who was born in Australia but whose parents brought him to England in search of a bone marrow transplant to cure his rare condition. No suitable donor was found and he died in 1979, at the age of

Although the centre is the world's biggest register of potential donors, it receives no financial support from the National Health Service, and is funded by a charity of the same name. Today its staff work in temporary cabins in the grounds of the Royal Free Hospital, and the project is desperately short

Potential bone marrow donors or those wanting to make a financial contribution to the centre should contact the Anthony Nolan Research Centre, the Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW2 2QG.



Ouest for life: a researcher screens donors while (inset) Simon and his parents wait and hope

SCIENCE REPORT

## missing pulsar

been solved — it never seems to have been there in the first place. In a surprise announcement at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting in New Orleans, Middleditch revealed that the source of the pulsar's signal came not from the heavens, but from interfer-

ence from laboratory equipment closer to home. Giant stars often end their lives explosively as supernovae, sending vast

quantities of matter into space. The remnant of the star's core, still very massive, colown weight to become a neutron then the San but only a few miles s. If the neutron star rotates

and has a magnetic field, it will send energetic radio pulses across the sky, in the same way that rotating lighthouses illuminate the serrounding seas. Rotating neutron stars are called palsars, short for "pulsating stars", and the frequency at which a pulsar's radio beams sweep the sky is a easure of how fast it is spinning. A supernova in a nearby

galaxy in January, 1987 — an event catalogued as SN1987A - generated excitement on Earth, because it was the first nearby supernova to have been observed since the invention of the telescope. Astronomers eagerly

watched the dusty remnant fer signs of a pulsar, and, on
January 18 last year,
Middleditch and 14 colleagues believed they had
found one Nature (vol. 338, pp. 234-236; 16 March 1989). Radio signals from a putative pulsar were recorded for just never hours, but then disappeared: they have not been your again.

lar pulsar was thought to be supernova SN1987A has rotating at a truly enormous speed: 1968.629 times per second. Several pulsars are known with rotation rates of the order of millisecon but the rotation of the new star outpaced even these.

Nobody could explain how a star could rotate so rapidly and yet still remain in one piece. Explanations have been many and varied (Science Report, March 23

But most researchers were more puzzled by its disappearance. At the conference, Middleditch was to discuss reasons for the palsar's ceptin-

ned absence, and took the opportu-nity to reveal that the 1968Hir signal may have come from a piece of observatory apparates rather than SN1987A. When the radio telescope was pointed at the well-known pulsar in the Crab Nebula, the same

acy was recorded. That both pulsars happened to be resonating at exactly the same frequency at the same time was implausible. This was admitted by Sol Perimetter of the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory in California, one of Middleditch's colleagues involved in the pulsar's discovery. It is more likely that the source was artificial rather than natural: researchers are still checking the equipment for the source of the signal. One cause could have been a part of the guidance system that com-

in one sense, but Perlmutte heart from the fact that the pulsar, real or apparent, provided the impetus for the areas of astrophysics to explain its behaviour.

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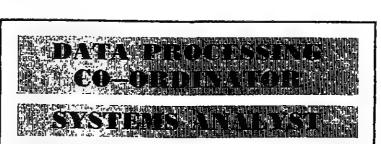
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AMERICAN SCIENCE ON A BIG SCALE

## Profiting from the name game

Dillboard-sized name badges that can be read at 20 paces are the hallmark of an American convention.

Although they may seem incidental, the identity tags pinned to 5,000 delegates at the 156th annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, meeting in New Orleans this week, provided a clear, if simple, illustration of the difference between the United States organization and its UK cousin, the British Association for the Advancement of

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The difference in scale was marked by audiences which packed into commercial conference halls, attached to

hotels, each capable of seating 1,000 or more people. Last Monday night, the 3,500-seater Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel had standing room only for Sally Ride, America's first woman astronaut and now professor of physics at the University of California at San Diego.

She addressed the gathering on a plan, devised by a working group she chaired for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's latest space venture, Mission to Planet Earth, which is part of an international environment research programme to monitor the planet from a new series of spacecraft.

There is more than a difference in scale between the selling of science American-style and the British way. The US organization is a powerful publishing operation. Its membership of 132,000 has much to do with the fact that it comes as part of a subscription to Science, the association's weekly journal.

The counterpart British organization has a university-based annual meeting, which visits a different campus each year. It has made the public understanding of science its main thread over the past few years. The American organization deliberately chooses

places that are likely to attract delegates for reasons beyond attending the conference. Hence the meeting in New Orleans: belle of the southern States, birthplace of jazz and home of a Mardi Gras festival from January 6 until next Tuesday.

However, there are common problems for those seeking to promote the cause of science. Indeed, Sir Klaus Moser, president of the British association, has told his opposite number, Professor Richard Atkinson, of moves in the UK over the past few years to reach a younger audience through the British Association for Young Scientists.

tkinson, who is also chancellor of the University of A California at San Diego, predicts a "human resources crisis in science" and says the shortage of qualified scientists and engineers is more threatening than recent restrictions on research spending.

The gap between demand and supply for scientists and engineers at all degree levels is expected to be 500,000 by the end of this decade.

But delegates to the meeting arrived to hear some encouraging news — a Bush administration proposal for a per cent increase in selected areas of science and chnology spending, bringing a total of \$68 billion (£40 billion) next year.

Science gains most with space administration getting a \$2.8 billion (£1.6 billion) increase to start construction an

international space station. The National Institutes of Health get an increase barely sufficient to keep pace with inflation, although this includes a modest boost for Aids-related research.

Pearce Wright

BRIEFING

## Approximate Bombing the Earth The first life

forms on Earth

billion years ago - had trou-ble establishing themselves because of the planet's bombardment by asteroids and comets. Objects large enough to evaporate all of Earth's oceans hit frequently between 4.5 and 3.8 billion years ago, in the early stages of the formation of the solar system. Those collisions periodically wiped out all forms of life. The American Association for the Advancement of Science was told this week that the impact of these objects influenced the location and timing of the

origin of life on Earth. The report was given by Doctor James Kasting of Pennsylva-nia State University and a team of scientists from the National Aeronautics and

Space Adminstration (Nasa).

### Nature's risk

Nature's own cancer-causing chemicals that are an unavoidable part of foods represent a greater health danger than pesticides and other pollutants, a health official warned the association. An estimate by the United States Food and Drug Administra-tion concluded that more than 98 per cent of the cancer risk in the diet comes from ordinary foods - not from countries".

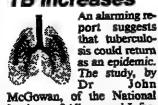
additives, poisons or other man-made contributions to the tood chain. Dr Robert Scheuplein, director of the - more than 3 Office of Toxicological Sciences at the US Food and Drug Administration, said: "The risk is from natural carcinogens in the diet because they overwhelm all the others." Scheuplein's analysis

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contamination of food, which



An alarming report suggests that tuberculosis could return as an epidemic. The study, by Dr John

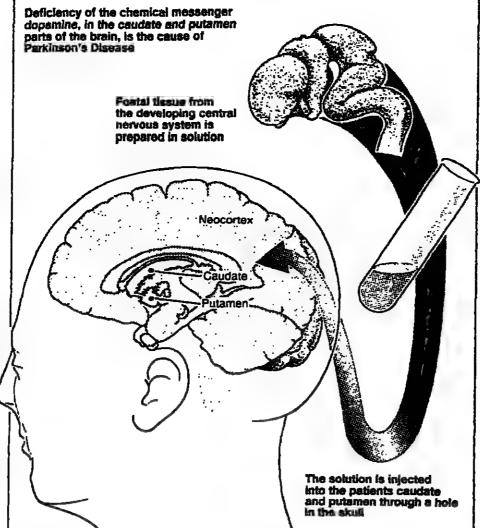
Institute of Allergy and Infec-tious Diseases, at Bethesda, Maryland, suggests that increases in cases of TB have already begun in the United States and are linked directly to infection by the virus that can lead to Aids. TB is easily spread in crowded conditions. such as on public transport and in overcrowded living conditions. Dr William Haseltine, of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, in Boston told the assocation that the threat was a "major public health problem imposed on beleaguered inner western cities and Third World

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## A neural key

emarkable progress is shown, on video tapes made at sixmonthly intervals over the past two years, in the condition of a 40year-old woman given a brain implant to treat Packinson's disorder, a disease that causes uncontrollable tremors and lack of balance, usually found in older people.

The woman has responded best among 18 people given implants of tissue taken from the adrenal glands. The object of the implant is to make up for a deficiency in the brain of one of its chemical messengers: dopamine.

The treatment was reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, by Professor George Allen, head of the department of neurosurgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Centre, in Nashville, Tennessee. He said to establish the effectiveness of brain implants, whether they were of the adrenal medullary tissues, such as he had used, or tissue taken from 10 to 14-week-old foctuses,

for Parkinson's disease in the world, was setting out the medical position before a tissue can be used to cure a

Scientists weigh

tissue implants

tissue possible.

which other groups have used. Allen, who has performed the most implant operations

the value and ethics of foetal

of foctal tissue implants.

It is a question every counpast 10 years, it has been shown that brain damage and damage to other parts of the central nervous system can be regenerated. Substances called growth factors can induce nerve cells to reproduce, making transplantation of neural

Those discoveries contradicted previous assumptions regarding the irreversibility of damage to the central nervous SYSTEM

Several hundred patients have undergone treatment of Parkinson's. Although many scientists believe the application of these findings have great potential for treating neurological disorders, many chical innes arise.

What happens if medical research shows that foetal

range of diseases and dis-orders such as diabetes, Parkinson's, Alzheimers,

leukaemia or quadraplegia? Transplants have been successful in animal experiments, and scientists are close to adapting animal testing to humans, using tissue from aborted foetuses.

Experiments in human foediscussion began on the ethics tal cell transplants have been tried in the US, Australia, It is a question every country will eventually have to address. In Britain over the Soviet Union, Sweden, Britain and Yugoslavia

A possible solution to the major ethical problem of using foetal tissue has been proposed by Professor Fred Gage, the head of neurosciences at the University of California in San Diego.

His group has experimented with genetically engineered cells, grown in the laboratory, which can be designed to produce the missing chemical messenger that is missing. He reported preliminary

findings of experiments with mice and the production of dopamine, that suggested that laboratory-made cells could provide a source of implants. But he said the idea was several years away from any realistic attempt at human implantation.

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reports on the airship, which has set sail in a new era of possible military and leisure uses

t is make or break time for Airship Industries — a prime force in a revival of the airship. Is the modern airship about to fly into big profits or to suffer the fate of the dinosaur, finding itself too big, too unwieldy and too costly to survive?

The company stands on a knife-edge: several large projects are still uncertain and the leading backer, Alan Bond, the Australian businessman, is in financial trouble and unable to fund further devel-opment. Yet Admiral Ned Hogan, chief executive of Airship Industries, is confident that the company is about to make a lot of

A project to build airships in Saudi Arabia in collaboration with British Aerospace and a local consortium is said to be reaching the final stages of negotiation.

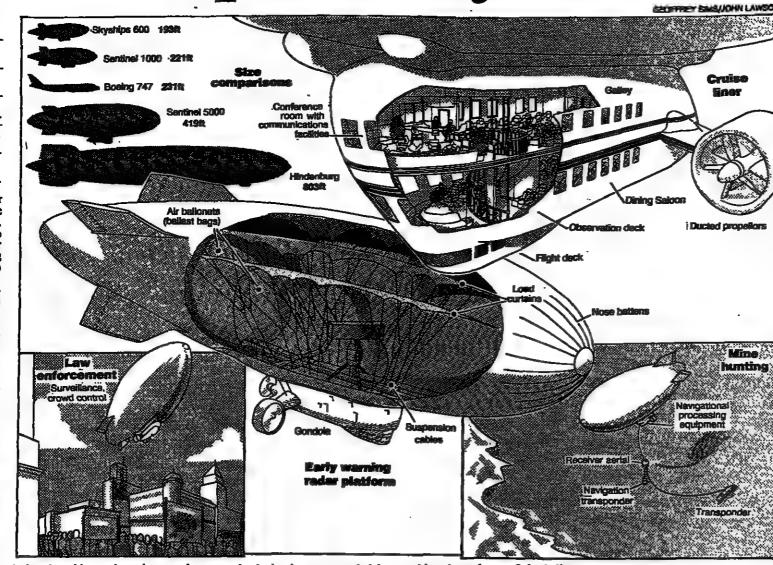
Last week at an air show in Singapore, the company unveiled a new ship, the Sentinel 1000, which will be the biggest ever built when it makes its first flight in the United States later this year.
But it is unlikely to hold the

record for long, being only half the size of a huge airship, the Sentinel 5000, that the same company is building in partnership with the big defence contractor Westinghouse. It is planned to carry early warning radars to protect US naval forces. Several other uses for airships are under consideration.

Admiral Hogan was in the US last week, making a final presentation in his attempt to sell airships to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to detect and intercept drug-running speedboats approaching the US coast from South America.

• Airships are being promoted as a a method of coastal surveillance and crowd control.

 Airships could be used as minesweepers, either towing a sweep through the water or acting as mother ship to a robot minesweeping submarine. An airship could clear a channel in half the time of a helicopter or a minesweeping ship,



is invulnerable to the mines, and able to reach the scene quickly. The Sentinel 5000 would be big enough to become a "cruise liner of the skies", carrying 70 people in luxury, in a three-deck gondola with spacious dining room, saloon and

A firm commitment on any of these projects would transform Airship Industries from a company with a promising technology and a huge debt burden to a company with a future.

observation deck.

The technology is impressive. The Al airships are totally different from the Zeppelins of 60 years ago. They were rigid airships, a huge ribcage of aluminium girders supporting a bag or envelope filled with explosive hydrogen.
The modern airship is a blimp, a

non-rigid envelope inflated with safe, non-toxic, non-explosive he-lium. The envelope is made of a

new plastic laminate, a sandwich with a plastic fabric on the inside, a polyurethane coating loaded with titanium dioxide on the outside to prevent attack by ultraviolet rays, and two plastic films on the inside to prevent the escape of the helium gas. Less than 10 per cent of the gas escapes in a year, it is claimed.

A gondola made partly of Kevlar, a strong, lightweight plastic also used for bulletproof body armour, hangs beneath the envelope. It contains the cabin and the two Porsche engines.

ilots control the ship by computer, linked to the control surfaces and pumps by optical fibres, a fly by light" system, developed in Britain by GEC. Optical fibres are immune to the effect of lightning strikes. The airship goes up and down by

making the volume of the helium gas greater or less. The greater the volume, the faster the balloon goes up. The volume is changed by inflating small balloons inside the envelope with air. On the ground, the airship is tethered to a mast.

Current airships, the 500 and 600 series, are seen in the skies over Britain as advertising blimps. They are nearly 200ft long and 50ft wide, containing 235,000 cu ft of helium. Maximum speed is about 100mph and the maximum load exceeds two

The new Sentinel 1000 will be 221ft long and contain 354,000 cu ft of gas. Payload will be substantially increased, but the main advantage of the bigger size will be the greater height it will be able to reach, 8,000ft, and the greater endurance.

That is just a prelude to the Sentinel 5000, which can carry up to 70 passengers. However, the ship

under development for Westing-house will be carrying an early warning radar platform.

It will be 425ft long and capable of operating at 10,000ft, at speeds of more than 150 mph, and staying on station for a month if regularly refuelled. The airship's envelope is planned to contain a phased-array radar capable of detecting incoming missiles and aircraft hundreds of miles away, and tracking them.

The fact that the airship is such a large, slow-moving object seems to make it vulnerable, but this is misleading. The plastic envelope is practically invisible to radar, and stealth" materials applied to the gondola will make it very discreet.

Even if a missile pierces the envelope, it will simply pass through. The hole would need to be over 15ft in diameter before the airship needed to worry about hurrying home.

# brain drain

Merit schemes are being used to help keep IT staff in

Special schemes intro-duced by the Government to retain its qualified information technology staff are not enough to prevent severe shortages in some

the public sector

The Department of Social Security is trying to convince the Treasury to let it introduce merit awards for individuals and project teams in a bid to stem the flow of high-level IT staff leaving for the better-

Just under 10,000 IT staff work for the Civil Service, with the Ministry of Defence employing some 1800, the DSS, 1700 and the Inland Revenue, about 1300.

But many are trainees and often leave to work for commercial firms once they have gained marketable skills. Surveys show that the average salary for IT development staff is just over £14,000 which is below average.

To tackle this problem, the

Civil Service is offering its IT staff improved training, career promotion prospects and a bonus acheme aimed at attracting short-term CONTRACTORS.

The Government has removed the requirement that IT staff must sit the standard Civil Service exams before they can be hired. This matches the system for other specialista, such

IT staff no longer have to prove their efficiency at other administrative skills, but can be promoted on programming The Treasury's IT body, the

Central Computer and Telemmunications Agency, says the Civil Service is recruiting enough II staff, but has a problem getting the required level of specialist skills in the

For example, it is difficult to recruit software engineers in

computer-services companies are bidding for the same skills. To attract short-term contractors, who tend to shun the public sector, a performance bonus of up to 40 per cent of annual salary is being offered. 1 1481 4481

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But such bonuses have an-pered the public-sector unions, which say that permanent staff cannot receive such grand bonuses and that the cash would be better spent on developing the existing staff's

While the grading and pay structures are being amended, other departments are handing over system-development work to computer-services

Tom McCafferty, president of the Computing Services Association, says that government investment with privatesector companies is still "pitifully low" but is increasng dramatically. He says that this is in line

with the Government's ment to contract out a third of public-sector procure-ment for IT on the basis of a "trade not aid" policy. The DSS's £1.7 billion Op-

erational Strategy, which is erization project in the world, is a case in point. The plan is to create three computer centres to handle the payment of income support and pensions.

The first of these is due to open in Livingstone, Lothian, in 1991 and the Government decided to contract out the project to the private sector in order to introduce "competitive pressure".

Electronic Data Syste won the contract for the first two centres. An unusual feature of the plan is that EDS is recruiting IT staff from the DSS with the backing of the Government departments

are also forming skills pertnerships with private-s firms to make up the shortfall of scalor professionals in the public sector. HM Customs & Excise has this year signed upwith BIS Applied Systems and Logics for a four-year period to-redevelop the VAT system.

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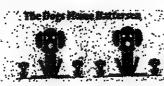
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The home's reputation has spread far beyond Britain's shores. It has supporters in many other countries and, among the thou-sands of legacies it has received, one of the most remarkable was a gift of £140,000 from an anonymous donor in Switzerland.

Inevitably, it also has its critics. The thought of hundreds of animals caged in wire pens can, and does, upset many people who have closed their minds to the alternatives. But, on the whole, good will far exceeds criticism, and in the "dog days" that follow Christmas and the New Year many a news-starved editor has been only too happy to be supplied with a story about an abandoned puppy.

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"The RSPCA really shot themselves in the foot," Tom Field-Fisher QC, the chairman of the home's management committee, says. "It infuriated animal lovers, and gave a totally distorted picadvertisement has since been rejected by the Advertising Stan-

dards Authority.
In a sense the RSPCA was right. Only about 14 per cent of the dogs brought to the home are reclaimed by their owners. About half the remainder are found new homes and the rest are put down. In 1988, out of a total of 22,236 dogs for which the home found itself responsible, 9,232 were eventually destroyed.

But the staff are committed to "re-homing" as many animals as it can. The home is under a statutory obligation to keep every dog for seven days after it is brought in; if it is not claimed within that period it becomes the home's property.

At that stage a dog may be put down if it is considered too old or sick to have a realistic chance of a happy future with a new owner, if it is suffering from an infectious disease which threatens the health of other animals in the home, or if it is too dangerous to be offered for sale. The rest are kept, often for several months; some have found new owners after a year or more in

Mary Tealby opened her home in Holloway, North London, in 1860; 11 years later it was moved to Battersea, where it has remained since. Two days after Christmas 1885, General Sir Henry Ponsonby, Queen Victoria's private secretary, wrote a letter in which he "humbly begs leave to ask if Your Majesty will be pleased to become a Patron of

the Lost Dogs Home?" The reply was immediate. "Most certainly. No one loves dogs more than the Queen or



would wish to do more to promote their comfort and happiness. They are man's truest friends."

Victoria's great-great-grandaughter, frequently depicted with her beloved corgis, has retained royal interest in the home and is its present patron. Its president is Prince Michael of Kent, who will launch today's appeal for £2 million to pay for a new kennel block, the first time in the home's 130-year history that it has invited public donations on a large scale.

Traditionally, most of the cost of running the home - now about £1.5 million a year — is met by the income from legacies and investments. About £250,000 comes from its contract with the Metropolitza Police, which is responsible for rounding up strays and for paying for their food and accommodation during the first seven days. A further £250,000 comes from the sale of dogs to new

bout 70,000 people visit the home every year. Most are potential purchasers. But the staff maintain a rigid "vetting" procedure to ensure that any would-be purchaser is "a fit and proper person" to be a dog

He or she must answer a comprehensive questionnaire, and is warned to expect one or

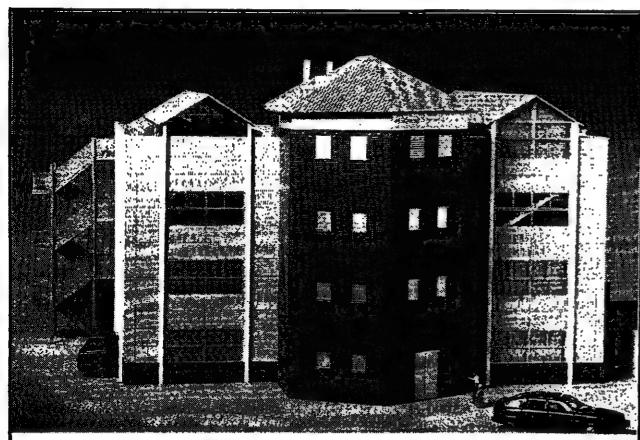
that the animal is being properly cared for. There are about nine visitors for every dog sold, obviously, if the ratio could be improved, fewer dogs would have to be destroyed. But the management is determined to minimize the risk of an animal being maltreated or abandoned for a second time.

The purchase price is normally set at about £25, a figure intended not only to enable the home to recover at least part of its costs, but also to prevent a dog being resold at a profit or, worse, being bought by a dealer for sale to an animal experimentation laborat-

Since the home was founded. more than 2.5 million does have received food and shelter. The numbers taken in each year rose fairly steadily during most of the 1980s, although there has been a slight decline during the last two

"These are not proud statistics," a recent home leaflet points out. The fact that fewer than 15 per cent of lost and stray dogs are reclaimed by their owners means that most have been deliberately turned out as unwanted pets.

"This may be offensive to people in a country that likes to believe itself a nation of dog lovers, but it is true, none the



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The ideal: Colonel Tony Hare, director general of the home, would like to have enough staff to open on Sundays for families onger such a dog's

he idea of a new multi-storey kennel block to relieve overcrowding at the Dogs Home Battersea was agreed to in principle some time ago. When Bill Wadham-Taylor was appointed man-ager and veterinary surgeon in 1984, he made it clear that in his view more accommodation was essential, not only on

welfare grounds, but to con-trol the spread of disease. Battersea has always had more dogs than kennels but during the past decade the number of strays has reached crisis point. At any one time, 500 dogs are being cared for, and the new block, providing space for up to 250, should mean that every animal will have its own room.

Work on the building began last July and is due for completion this summer. De-spite the difficulties caused by poor access to the site, it is proceeding on time. Hygiene removal of wastes. Heating,

Concern about overcrowding and fered for sale, and Colonel Tony Hare, the home's directhe spread of disease prompted the building of a new kennel block

considerations, and the fact cooling and ventilation will that the interior needs regular provide a controlled climate hosing, require high construc- and eliminate the smells that tion standards. Non-deteri- characterize most kennels. orating materials, including non-corrosive steel, are being

lined with epoxy resin to prevent water penetration. On the ground floor there will be garages for the vans, used daily to collect animals from police stations all over the Greater London area. On the same floor there will be holding kennels, a canine

used and each floor will be

morgue and incinerators. The first two floors will be open-plan, the kennels seg-regated by passageways to allow feeding, inspection and

contractor to achieve 101 per cent perfection," Freddie Francis, contracts manager for Neilcott Construction, the main contractor, says. "But that is what we are trying to

To judge from models, the building should be more attractive in appearance than many that are designed for humans. "We have tried to put some architecture into it," Tim McGee, of Devereux and Partners, says.

The building will be used

primarily to house dogs of-

tor general, hopes that it will attract more visitors. Ideally he would like to have enough staff to open on Sundays, the day for family outings when children often put pressure on parents to look for a new pet.

The home is a registered charity, and donations are tax deductible. Those donating £10,000 or more will be entitled to have a kennel named after them or a nominee, and £25 to "buy a brick" entitles donors to have their names inscribed on a Roll of Honour to be buried in a time capsule for 100 years.

By then there may perhaps be fewer strays on the streets and less pressure on the home's resources. Today's appeal is officially for £2 million, but a more appropriate target would be £2.7 million; £1 for every animal the home has sheltered in the past 130 years.

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## Counsel for the canines

As a dog-lover, it was only natural that Tom Field-Fisher, QC, would take a leading role

at Battersea and argue the dogs' case in government and other official circles

pane and affable QC who has been associated with the home for the past quarter

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His love of dogs began when he was a child in the country. where his family kept terriers as gun-dogs, and he has owned a succession of terriers ever

His involvement in animal weifare began when he was "a very junior and impecunious member of the Bar after the war and when he was supplementing his income by writing for legal publications.

Field-Fisher became something of a specialist in the law concerning animals, and was approached to serve on various committees, including the Home Office advisory committee on animal experiment-

volved in the day-to-day running of the home, he is responsible for all policy matters and, since succeeding to the post in 1984, has been an outspoken critic of the Government's failure to come to terms with the problem not just of stray dogs but of promoting more socially responsible owner-

The animals rounded up and taken to Battersea are the most visible aspect of a much

Compared with the 20,000plus dogs given shelter by the dogs' home every year, there are many times that number which are underfed, maltreated and generally not properly cared for. Dogs are allowed to roam streets and public places unsupervised (latch-key dogs), with con-sequent risks to human health and safety, and does in rural areas are often not kept under proper control, so that they



molest sheep and other farm

There are still others not given adequate veterinary

British Veterinary Association and the National Farmers' Union joined forces in calling on the Government to raise treatment for routine the dog licence fee to a realistic ilments. level from the 37½p at which In 1988, the RSPCA, the it had remained since it was

introduced in the last century. Ironically, some of the first dogs brought to Battersea were not strays but those whose owners were too poor to pay the then exorbitant sum of 7s The Government refuses to grapple with the problem

evenue from the licence fees should be used to pay for teams of dog wardens to "arrest" dogs found wandering unsupervised and to bring charges against their owners. But the Government rejected the idea as bureaucratic

and unworkable, and opted to abolish the licence altogether. Field-Fisher and his colagues were never particularly keen on the warden idea, fearing that it would lead to a lot of untrained people trying

to catch dogs in nets. They also prefer the word "registration" to "licensing", believing that the most important aim should be to identify every dog in Britain and establish its ownership.

s a first step, they instigated their own registration scheme last year, whereby every dog arriving at Battersea has an electroni cally numbered tag painlessly implanted under its skin.

The number can be read on a simple scanner and identi-

It is only a small start, but Field-Fisher hopes, "in the not too distant future", to launch an appeal in London for all owners of dogs to have their pets tagged voluntarily. Discussions are also taking place with members of the Association of British Dogs' Homes which hopes to introduce the scheme in other big cities.

Ideally, registration would go hand in hand with widespread sterilization to reduce the number of unwanted

But persuading the Government of the benefits of a national register could be another matter. "It consis tently refuses to grapple with the problem," Field-Fisher says. "There are no votes in it,

Kennels where many animals find a home from home

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Profit and peace in an out-of-town haven

a greater contrast than between the muddy reaches of the tidal Thames at Battersea and the peaceful river only a few miles upstream, flowing through green fields and woods within sight

of Windsor Castle.
The Bell Mead kennels at Priest Hill, Old Windsor, were acquired by Battersea Dogs Home in 1979. They are divided into four main sites, two of which are run commercially as boarding accom-modation for dogs and caus, making up one of the largest such facilities in south-east

England. With a fully equipped grooming parlour, these pro-duce a healthy profit, which helps to pay for the home's main work. Last year this profit was £40,000.

The other two sites are used for various purposes. They include a convalescent home operations and for those that are sick and likely to benefit from more peaceful surroundings than the Battersea home.

Bell Mead is also used to accommodate dogs that are not strays or abandoned, but nich for some reason cannot be looked after by their owners - for example, those belonging to prisoners remanded in custody to await trial, or to long-stay and frequently el-derly hospital patients.

Altogether 400 animals can be accommodated. Because of attractive place for the public than Battersea , in particular for families searching for a new pet. David Cavill, the principal, would in some ways like to be able to provide a greater choice of animals for sale, but he feels that might conflict with the

those functions is to fund the biggest Youth Training Scheme projects for kennel staff in the country. During studying animal nursing and first aid, disease prevention, nutrition, genetics, hygiene, anatomy and physiology, and grooming and preparing dogs

Most are residents, staying in Priest Hill Lodge, a late-Victorian mansion overlook ing Runnymede. When they leave many of them find jobs in veterinary surgeries, quar-RSPCA or Guide Dogs for the

There are also occasional foreign students — one each so far from Kenya and Australia, and three expected shortly from Scandinavia.

## The policeman's nightly lot

report to Scotland Yard on the number of stray dogs in their possession. By 6am the next day the Yard will have telexed details to Battersea, and during the morning the home's fleet of five red vans — its "ambulances" — will collect up to 50 starving, frightened and often sick dogs.

It is a procedure that appears to work well, although critics say with some justification that it uses valuable police time. From April, local authorities will take over part of the responsibility for dealing with strays, although the division of duties is still far from clear, and most of those involved believe the bulk of the work will continue to fall

"Local authorities do not have dog pounds or trained handlers," Colonel Tony

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ne of the lesser known duries of the 188 Metropolitan Police Local authorities are to take some 80 people work at the home, most of them recruited from responsibility for strays, but there

after them any longer.

a thorough examination and

the manager and veterinary surgeon, says. "We also neuter as many as we can."

About 1,000 dogs a year are sterilized at Battersea, al-though that falls far short of the nation-wide sterilization programme that the home's administrators would like to see linked to a national dog

Wadman-Taylor and his wife, Ruth, who is also a vet, were appointed six years ago and occupy a flat on the premises. They both have considerable experience of charity work, and are assisted

and most of their tasks repetitive and menial, but the staff all appear cheerful and enthuiastic. "What we are trying to do here is just to cope with a situation which ideally should not exist," Hare says. "If it were not for places like this, the whole thing would be out of control."

But, like his staff, Hare remains cheerful, consoling himself with the thought that the situation is apparently not getting any worse.

The figures seem to have a curious cyclical pattern," he observes. "They rose from something over 17,000 in 1982 to a peak of more than 23,000 in 1987, were down in 1988 and apparently well down again last year.

They must be connected with some social trend...

are fears that this system will fail Here, the home's director-general, points out. "The Gov-ernment wants to lift the them," Bill Wadman-Taylor,

burden from the police, but it hasn't really been thought out properly. If any member of the public finds a stray dog, the only place he is going to take it to is a police station." It is the daily "ambulance

run" that brings in most of the home's inmates. A few are received as "gifts" from members of the public who are unable, or unwilling, to look On admission a dog is given

vaccinated against the main canine disease

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## No jurisdiction to hear complaints by aircraft noise protesters

(Case No 3/1989/163/219) Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges Thor Vilhjalmsson, L.-E. Pettiti, Sir Vincent Evans, A. Spielmann, E. Palm and I Registrar M.-A. Eissen

[Judgment February 21] In a unanimous judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held that there had been violation of the right to an the European Convention on Human Rights concerning disturbance from aircraft noise near Heathrow Aurport The Court also held that it had no jurisdiction to enterta complaints of a denial of the right of access to the courts and

of an unjustified interference with their right of the two applicants to respect for their private lives and their homes. The Court was precluded from reviewing the merits of sible by the Commission where stituted separate complaints in their own right independently of their relevance in the context of complaint declared

Article 6 of the Convention "(1) In the determination of his civil rights and obligations ... everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an indepen-dent and impartial tribunal Article 8 provides "(1) Every-one has the right to respect for and rated 60 on the NNLOnly

"(2) There shall be no interfer-

being of the country. . ."
Article 13 provides: "Everyas set forth in this Convention effective remedy before a national authority notwithstanding that the violation has been

the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the

law and is necessary in a

terests of . . . the economic well-

an official capacity. The first applicant, Mr R. J. Powell, lived in Esher, several miles distant from Heathrow Airport. Since 1972 his home, which he bought in 1957, had lain under a flight departure route which was in use for about four months a year.

Mr Powell's property fell within a noise and number index (NNI) contour rated 35 and considered to be a low noise-annoyance rating. About half a million other people live within that countour area The purpose of the NNI was

to represent community re-action to the level of aircraft noise so as to guide planning, development and noise control. Thus, no building development land having an NNI rating of 60

A. Rayner, farmed land in Colnbrook, Berkshire, His home, which was situated about one and a third miles from Heathman Airport, was in a direct line with the northern rnnway.

some 6,500 other people in the vicinity of Heathrow were exposed to noise levels equal to or

caused to third parties on the ground was limited by the Civil Aviation Act 1982, section 76(1) of which had the effect of conferring exemption from liability in nuisance in respect of noise emanating from aircraft flying at a reasonable height and observing the relevant air navigation regulations, in

cular the regulations on

de certification. A certain number of noise sharement weresters lead also heen implemented at Heathrow Airport, which had grown steadily since its formal opening in 1946 to become one of the busiest international airports in the world.

Those included restrictions on night jet movements, ap-proach procedures, noise monnoise related landing charges, a noise insulation grant scheme and a scheme for the purchase of noise-blighted properties, as well as noise curtification. The main forum for aircraft national Civil Aviation

Organization. The standards set

by this organization were im-

plemented in the United King-dom by means of Air Navigation (Noise Certification) Orders. An application was initially lodged with the European Commission of Human Rights on December 31, 1980 by the Federation of Henthrow Anti-

However, the application was continued by Mr Powell and Mr Rayner, together with another person whose claim had since been settled. They complained

rejected by

the

expenditure?

eps to be taken to prepare

application so that when the

legislation was passed the application could be made promptly if this was in ac-

Whether under section 2(a) or (b) (it did not matter which) and

section 23, the secretary of state

had the power and by delegation the regional and district health

authorities had the powers nec-

In pursuing that forward plan

ning, regard had to be had to changes which might be brought

about by all manner of circum-

stance including prospective leg-islation which would have a

direct impact upon their

If in the future a new type of

hospital was going to be available, health authorities could

reasonably consider whether

that was a ficility they should provide having regard to their duty to provide hospital accom-

modation themselves or by taking advantage of section 23.

tions until some necessary leg-islation came into force could

amount to a derogation from the authorities' responsibilities.

If they came to the conclusion that it probably should be provided, then to defer prepara-

essary for forward planning

which was then made.

by the operation of Heathrow constituted separate complaints Airport, and invoked article 1 of in their own right and not, as tion (the peaceful enjoyment of possessions) and articles 6, paragraph 1, 8 and 13 of the Convention.

In its report, adopted on Isnuary 19, 1989, the Com-mission expressed the opinion that there had been a violation of article 13 of the Convention in relation to Mr Rayner's claim under article 8 of the Convention (by 12 votes to 4), but not in relation to any of the other claims (unanimously as to both applicants' grievances under article 1 of Protocol No 1 and article 6, (1) of the Conver by 15 votes to 1 as to Mr Powell's grievance under article 8 of the Convention).

Court of Human Rights held: The applicants complaint wader article 6(1) (the right of access to the courts in civil matters) and article 8 (right to respect for one's private life and home) had been rejected by the Commission at the admissibility stage as being manifestly illmded (article 27(2) of the

argued that the Court possessed jurisdiction to consider the alleged violation of article 13. (The issue under article 1 of Protocol No 1 was not pursued after the admissibility stage.) The compass of the case

by the Commission's decision on admissibility. While the characterization to be given in

suggested by the applicants, mere legal submissions or arguments relating to the same facts as those underlying the allega-tion of violation of article 13. To that extent there was no civil right recognized under domestic law to attract the Accordingly, the court had no application of article 6(1). In their relevance in the context of

II Chains under article 13 The applicants had contended that in respect of their claims under articles 6(1) and 8 of the domestic authority capable of fording a remedy as required by article 13.

The Court recalled its estabed case-law to the effect that article 13 required a remedy in domestic law only in respect of gricvances which could be reparded as arguable in terms of

In order to determine whether the claims of violation forming the basis of the applicants' complaints under article 13 facts and the nature of the legal B Claim under article 6(1)

The applicants' grievance under article 6(1) was in essence directed against the terms of section 76(1) of the Civil Avi-In the Court's view, framed in that way their grievance did not

bring into play article 6 or article 13. As the Commission had pointed out in its admissib decision, the effect of section 76(1) was to exclude liability in

circumstances, with the result that the applicants could not applicable principles were ciaim to have a substantive right broadly similar. under English law to obtain In both contexts, regard had

event article 13 did not 20

so far as to guarantee a remo

before a national authority.

allowing a contracting state's laws as such to be challenged

For the rest, no arguable claim f violation of article 6(1) could.

in the court's view, be derived from the applicants' subsidiary assertion that the limited en-

titlement to sue permitted by section 76(1) was illusory.

Access to the domestic courts was available to any person who

considered that he had a cause

of action in nuisance under

English law. If a question of the

application of section 76(1) arose, it was for the courts to

Accordingly, there was no iolation of article 13 in respect

Article 8 was found to be a

both Mr Powell and Mr Rayner since in each case, albeit to greatly differing degrees, the quality of the applicant's private

life and the scope for enjoying the amenities of his home had

been adversely affected by the noise generated by aircraft using

Whether the present cases

were analyzed in terms of a

reasonable and appropriate

measures to secure the applicants rights under article 8(1)

corporation of one contracting party shall be exempt from tax by the other contracting party

except where the recipient is a

citizen, resident, or corporation

of that other contracting carry.
This exemption shall not apply if the corporation paying such dividend or interest is a resident

of the other contracting party."

Article 11 of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on In-

come) (The United States of

America) Order (SI 1980 No 568) now applies to payments of

Crown; Mr Stephen Oliver QC and Mr Devid Ewart for Commercianic Mr Graham Agronson, QC, for Banco do

MR JUSTICE MUMMERY,

in a reserved judgment, said that

the banks' claims related to

accounting periods as long ago as 1973 to 1976. The figures,

that involved very substantial

amounts of tax, were agreed.
The issue was whether, when

properly interpreted, article XV

conferred an exemption on the loan interest paid by US

corporations to the London

branches of the two banks.

of the applicants' claims under

to be had to the fair balance that had to be struck between the dividual and of the con as a whole, and in both contexts the state enjoyed a certain margin of appreciation in determining the steps to be taken to ensure compliance with the Convention.

Furthermore, even in relation to the positive obligations flow-ing from the first paragraph of article 8, in striking the required balance, the aims mentioned in the second paragraph could be of a certain relevance.

The applicants themselves had conceded that the operation of a major international airport such as Heathrow pursued a legitimate aim (in the interests of the economic well-being of the country) and that the consequential negative impact on the environment could not be entirely eliminated.

The Court further noted that a number of measures had been introduced by the responsible authorities to control, ahate and compensate for aircraft noise at and around Heathrow Airport.

Those measures, adopted progressively as a result of consultation of the different interests and people concerned, national standards establis nology, and the varying levels of disturbance suffered by those living around Heathrow

As to the exclusion of liability in nuisance set out in section 76(1) of the Civil Aviation Act 1982, successive governments

corporations and had received

interest on them. That interest fell to be included in the

computation of the banks' profits liable to UK corporation tax.

The banks had deimed than

The question was whether the

exemption in the opening words of article XV applied if the recipient of the interest was the

the interest was exempt from the

tax by virtue of article XV.

public authority to be justified in the United Kingdom had in accordance article 8(2), the proceeded on the view that the problems posed by aircraft noise were better dealt with by taking and enforcing specific regu-latory measures to ensure that

disturbance caused by aircraft noise was minimised. In the view of the foregoing, there was no serious ground for maintaining that either the pol-icy approach to the problem or the content of the particular regulatory measures adopted by the United Kingdom authorities

level of disturbance. In sum, no arguable claim of violation of article 8 and, consequently, no entitlement to a remedy under article 13 had been made out in relation to either applicant as regarded noise caused by aircraft flying at reasonable height and compliance with air traffic regulations.

gave rise to violation of article 8,

even in relation to Mr Rayner

In so far as the applicants could also wish to complain of noise caused by aircrast not satisfying one or other of those conditions, there was no bar on their bringing an action in nuisance. To that extend they had to be regarded as having an effective remedy available to

In conclusion, there had been no violation of article 13 in respect of the claims of either applicant under article 8.

1 That it had no jurisdiction to entertain the applicants' com-plaints under articles 6(1) and 8,

2 That there had been no

**Oueen's Bench Divisional Court** 

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**Chancery Division** 

## Pre-Act hospital spending lawful

### Health and Others, Ex parte Before Lord Justice Woolf and

[Judgment February 21] There was nothing to prevent the Secretary of State for Health and the relevant regional and taking the necessary steps to prepare an application for Guy's Hospital to have the status of a National Health Service Trust

Community Bill, now before Partiament, became law. The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held in rejecting an application by Professor Harry Keep, director of the unit dicine and clinical

director

to be submitted if and when the

National Health Service and

services/medicine at Guy's Hospital, for judicial review of the expenditure of resources on the hospital's status.
Section 1 of the National
Service Act 1977

"(1) It is the secretary of state's duty to continue the motion in England and Wales of a comprehensive improvement — (a) in the physical and mental health of the people of those countries, and (b) in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of illness, and for that purpose to provide or secure the effective

provision of services in accordance with this Act. "(2) The services so provided shall be free of charge except in so far as the making and recovery of charges is expressly provided for by or under any

By section 2: "Without prejudice to the secretary of state's powers apart from this section, he has power — (a) to provide such services as he considers appropriate for the purpose of discharging any duty imposed on him by this Act; and (b) to do any other thing whatsoever which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, "This section is subject to section 3(3) below."

By section 3: "(1) It is the secretary of state's duty to provide throughout England considers necessary to meet all reasonable requirements — (a) hospital accommodation; (b) other accommodation for the purpose of any service provided under this Act; (c) medical dental, nursing and ambulance services; (d) such other facilities for the care of expectant and nursing mothers and young children as he considers are appropriate as part of the health service; (e) such facilities for the prevention of illness, the care of persons suffering from illness as he considers are appropriate as part of the health service; (f) such other services as are re-quired for the diagnosis and

By section 23: "(1) The secretary of state may, where he considers it appropriate, arrange

such terms as may be agreed, including terms as to the making of payments by or to the secretary of state, and any goods or materials may be made available either temporarily or

Mr David Bean for the applicant; Mr John Laws and Mr

Service and Community Care Bill was likely, if it became law, to do so in about July 1990. It was designed to provide the

statutory framework for implementing the government's proposals for changes in the

type of corporate body, cur-rently unknown to the law. It was expected that the trusts

The government had sugsested that it would be attractive to an existing NHS hospital to be controlled by an NHS trust because trusts would have a range of powers and freedoms that would not be available to

It was clear that the secretary of state wanted to be in a proval of the first wave of NHS trusts soon after the Bill was enacted. There had been a considerable amount of considerable amount of preparation, for which the Department of Health had provided substantial sums."

governing status as an NHS trust was being seriously considcontroversy about the issue in the hospital. A majority of consultants who voted in a

treaument of illness

ing a voluntary organization) for that person or body to provide, or assist in providing, any service under this Act. . .

One of the key changes was to enable hospital to apply "for a new self-governing status as NHS hospital trusts" — a new

should manage both hospitals which were previously NHS hospitals and other hospitals which were either new or had not previously been managed or provided by the NHS.

The question whether Guy's Hospital should apply for self-

## **Duty on counsel to** ensure court has power to make order

There was a positive obligation upon counsel, not just on counsel for the defence but also on counsel for the prosecution, to ensure that no order was made that the court had no power to make. That should be fully understood by all members of

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Potts) so stated on February 5, when granting the applications of Andrew Komsta and Grazyna Murphy and allowing their appeals against the order that six peals against the order that six months' imprisonment should be served in default of payment of £9,837 compensation to the

### Correction

In Webb v Emo Cargo (UK) Ltd (The Times February 21) the fourth member of the taibunal was Mrs M. L. Boyle.

"(3) The powers conferred by

Mr James Goudie, QC and

of state; Mr Robert Owen, QC and Mr Philip Havers for the South East Thames Regional Health Authority and the Lewi-District Health Authority. LORD JUSTICE WOOLF,

### Regina v Komsta Regina v Murphy following their pleas, on Octo-ber 2, 1989 in Isleworth Crown

Court (Judge Holden) of guilty to conspiracy to defraud. The requirement that the compensation was to be paid by or on February 2, 1990 was also deleted from the order, and it was ordered that enforcement proceeding were to be taken in Ealing Magistrates Court. The applicants had also been sen-tenced to nine months

> MR JUSTICE TURNER said that under section 47(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 the procedure existed to vary or rescind any sentence or on its making, in relation to what might be called the merits of the case and also to correct a sentence or order if, on consideration, it appeared to counsel for the defence or prosecution that the court had no power to

## tion which would materially affect the manner in which they to the public.

contended that such applica-tions were iswful and that it was good administration that they should be taken in the contest of Bill before Parliteness.

tions (Directions to Authorities and Administrative Arrange under that Act

the construction of section 1 of the 1977 Act. The first was only to govern "the effective provision of services".

existence of a comma after the word "illness" was significant and meant that it was only the provision of services which were to be "in accordance with this Act". As a result, the secretary of state's duty to promote a comprehensive health service was not confined by the words "in accordance with this Act".

His Lordship found that section

considered appropriate for the purpose of discharging his duty to provide hospital

which it was lawful for public bodies to take in order to implement anticipated legislaperformed their responsibilities

ments) (SI 1982 No 287) made There were two issues as to whether the words in subsection (1) "in accordance with this Acr" related back so as to govern the whole of subsection (1) or

tion 2, taken together with section 3(1) and section 23(1) gave the secretary of state power to provide services either directly or pursuant to arrange-ments which he made with another person or body as he

Mr Goudie submitted that while it was not unlawful to carry out an evaluation of proposed legislative changes it was unlawful to expend public hospitals to a new status which would not come into existence Mr Laws and Mr Owen

Which view was right de-pended on the existing powers of the secretary of state and the regional and district health thorities. The existing powers were contained in the National Health Service Act 1977 and the

In his Lordship's view the

Was this a situation where the government could not lawfully expend large sums of public money on the making of preparations for the imneutation of a Bill before it

## Tax relief on overseas loan interest

The combined effect of sec-IRC v Banco do Brazil SA tions 2, 3(1) and 23 was that Before Mr Justice Mummery while the secretary of state did not have the power to approve an application and a regional or IJudgment February 91 The provisions of the 1966 double taxation relief Convention negotiated between the United States and the United district health authority did not have the power to make a binding decision to apply for NHS trust status for a hospital within their area in anticipation of the Bill becoming law, there Kingdom applied to payments of interest on loans made to US corporations received by the London branches of overseas was nothing to prevent the secretary of state and the two authorities deploying their re-sources under their existing powers to enable the necessary

scheduled to the Double Tax-ation Relief (Taxes on Income) was not to be construed as restricting the benefit of the relief to the citizens, residents or relief to the citizens, residents or corporations of either of the tracting parties to the

Inland Revenue Commis situers v Commerciant AG

Mr Justice Manmery so beld in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division in dismiss-ing appeals by the Crown by way of case stated from determinations of special comments ap-that had allowed separate appeals by Commerzbank AG and Banco do Brasil SA against refusals of the Revenue to their claims to relief from comoration tax under section 497(1) of

the income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970. Section 497 makes provisions for reliefs by agreements with other countries.

Article XV of the 1966
Convention provides: "Dividends and interest paid by a

maintained a branch in Loudon from where trading activities

Mr Sebastian Reid for the father, Miss Janet Waddioor for MRS JUSTICE BOOTH BILL that the mother and father separated when the two children

However, a mother's fear of euities in making success, did arrangements for access, did provide compelling and cogent reasons for denying a father immediate access to his two

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing a father's appeal from the decision of Judge Pat Coles, QC, in Worthing County Court in October 1989

There was no material difference between the agreed facts in each appeal.

Neither bank was resident for tax purposes in the United

tion, such as a bank, which had been created or organized under the laws of a country other than the US or the UK - for example, the Federal Republic of Germany or Brazil. The case for the banks was implicity itself the natural and ordinary meaning of the

exempting provision of article XV was plain and they fell within its terms. The Crown's first argumen based on reciprocity, was that article XV should not be interpreted so as to have greater fect in the UK than it did in

Second, it was contended, the its right to tax a corporation of a foreign state that was not a contracting party to the Convention but which had a permanent establishment in this

In the course of those activities they had made loans to US power of one of the contracting parties to enter into agreement with other comuries.

> In those circumsteness, if was said, one would expect a German corporation with a permato have its rights and obligations dealt with in a Convention made between the UK and The Crown's submiss

> were not correct. The words of article XV were clear: they exempted from UK tax interest paid by US corporations. All interest from that source was those recipients who were ex-pressly referred to in the exception to the exemption. The

> The result was not absurd or unreasonable. Any surprise there might be in finding that a German or Brazilian bank could claim exemption under a

There was no sufficient indication in the purpose of the Convention or in its surroundclear words of article XV. Both appeals fell to be dismissed.

## country. Last, the Crown argued that the Convention had to be J. Berwin & Co; S. J. Berwin & Co; S. Child should get to know estranged parent

Before Lord Justice Lloyd and Mrs Justice Booth [Judgment February 19] Wherever possible, a young child of divorced parents living with one of them should see and

Until the new legislation was in force, final decisions could get to know the other. Copent reasons had to exist to deny a not be reached but as long as the authorities did not fetter their ability to reach those final decisions there was nothing to her former hashand, rational or prevent them taking all necessary steps by way of not, coupled with extreme diffi-culties in making suitable Those could include the preparation of applications.
That preparation could provide insight as to the desirability, in due course, of reaching a decision to make the application.

were aged three and one. The mother moved away alleging that the father drank excessively and was violent. The father had had fortnightly access from June 1986 to April 1987, travelling from North London to Brighton. That came to an end and the matter came

The welfare officer and later the judge had held that the mother had a lasting fear of the

be in the best interests of the

wherever possible a child should

know both his parents. Where he was living with only one he should see and get to know the non-custodial parent. That was necessary for his balanced upbringing. There had, there-fore, to be cogent reasons to deny access.

position to care for his children and they had to continue living with their mother. Brighton in some form of family

to dismiss his application for access to his son aged seven and daughter aged five.

tive if the mother had to take lead to a good relationship developing between father and children.

That the mother had a fear of the father, rational or not, was clear. The father was not in a

He could only offer access in

However, concern over the was important that they should know about him.

Solicitors: Landau & Cohen,

## Solicitors: Douglas-Mann & Co; Treasury Solicitor, Solicitor, £40m film sale and lease-back scheme attracts full capital allowance

[Judgment February 14] Expenditure in excess of £40 million by a leasing company on purchasing the master negatives of two films qualified for 100 per cent capital allowances. Anti-avoidance provisions in the Finance Acts 1971 and 1980, limiting entitlement to the re-lief, did not apply to the sale and lease-back transactions more between the company and the film producers and distributors.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division in allowing an appeal by the taxpayer company, Barclays Mercantile Industrial Finance Ltd. from a determination of special commissioners refusing its claim on the ground that the expenditure failed to qualify for allowances by reason of the provisions of section 64 of the Finance Act 1980 (exclusion of allowances for certain leased

The taxpayer company traded in leasing equipment. During 1982 and 1983 it negotiated with Warner Bros to purchase Greystoke, a film that was to be made in the United Kingdom, for £22 million. That price was related to the rum which the film was to cost but was determined by the amount of "tax capacity" avail-

able to the taxpayer company.

pany was to lease the master

print of the film together with all associated rights to Warner's

Thereafter the taxpayer com-

assumptions on interest and tax rates and the availability of capital allowances to the tax-

payer company.

By an agreement in 1978
WBDL had assigned all its
United Kingdom explotization rights to its films to Columbia-EMI-Warter Distributions Ltd. (CEW). In 1983 WBDL made three

licence agreements with other Warner companies to exploit Greystoke overseas. Licence fees under the various agreement almost corresponded to the rental payable by WBDL to the film was completed and delivered to the taxpayer company.

In 1983 the taxpayer company entered into a similar agreement for the purchase and lease back of the film Krull with Columbia Pictures for £19.5m. The special commissioners pheld the tax inspector's re-

fusal of the taxpayer company's claim for 100 per cent first-year allowances in respect of its expenditure on the two films. Paragraph 2 of Schedule 12 to the Finance Act 1984 coun provisions for the phasing out of first-year allowances for capital

taxpayer company; Mr Chris-topher McCall, QC and Mr Alan

Moses for the Crown,
MR JUSTICE VINELOTT

bought and leased two films: Greystoke, and a fantasy film,

Following McVeigh v Arthur Sanderson & Sons Ltd (1969) 1 WLR 1143) and Munby v Furlong (1976) 1 WLR 410), film producers had contended that expenditure on making a film resulted in an asset which was "plant" attracting capital allowances under the legislation then in force.
In 1979 the Revenue had would be accepted in cases where the master print could properly be regarded as a capital

In practice a ma would be so regarded if it was retained by the production com-pany and had an estimated potential life of not less than two The master point was to be taken as "the original negative of the film together with the rights to distribute and exploit

The Revenue further made it clear that if a UK company acquired distribution rights in a first-year allowances for capital expenditure on machinery or plant.

Mr Graham Aaronson, QC and Mr Kevin Presser for the taxpayer company, Mr Christian and Mr Kevin Presser for the taxpayer company, Mr Christian and Mr Kevin Presser for the taxpayer company, Mr Christian and Mr Kevin Presser for the taxpayer company, Mr Christian and Mr Kevin Presser for the taxpayer company, Mr Christian and Mr Kevin Presser for the taxpayer company and the consideration paid was for the acquisition of the distribution of the distribut tion rights rather than for any property in the master negative.
That new practice led to the

example so such a scheme came Tankers Leasing) Ltd v Stokes (The Times July 26, 1989; [1989] I WLR 1227).

The Finance Act 1982 in

effect restored the old practice -

expenditure after March 10, 1982 on film production was to be regarded as of a revenue However, section 72(7) of that Act provided an exception for expenditure incurred before March 1984 if incurred by a person carrying on a trade of exploiting or producing films that were certified by the secretary of state as qualifying films (section 32 of the Finance Act

period to March 1987). The taxpayer company specialized in finance leasing -

securing capital assets and leasing them to be employed in the trade of a company which for financial or fiscal reasons found it convenient to pay rent for the use of its plant. In 1982 it was introduced to If matters could be arranged so that the cost of the acquisition of

the master negatives of the film

by the taxpayer company at-tracted allowances in its hands it would be able to lease it to a

Warner group company at a

favourable rent. Thus it was that

the scheme came about.
The Crown resisted the tax-

Barchys Mercastile Industrial distribution company (WBDL) said that the question was proliferation of artificial schemes which the Revenue regarded as an abuse of the acquisition of Greystoke from Warner Bros on two The first was the provisions in

no hist was the provisions in section 64 of the Finance Act 1980, "Exclusion of first-year allowances in certain leased assets", whereby expenditure on the acquisition of "plant" for leasing had, in order to qualify for the allowance, to be used for a "qualifying purpose". On that ground the commis-sioners decided in favour of the Crown. They held that the "plant" was not used for a "qualifying purpose" as under section 64(2)(a) the leasing of the master negatives by the taxpayer company to WBDL was not an ordinary acquisition by WBDL for the purposes of its trade.

The facts, the commiss found, indicated that the distribution by the licensing transactions into which WBDL entered were unusual in the context of its trade and might be said not to be trading transactions at all.

The acquisition of the film was, the commissioners found, an acquisition in furtherance of an acquisition in furtherance of "financing operations for the benefit of the Warner group". Thus the commissioners con-cluded that the "plant" was not used for a "qualifying purpose" with the result that the taxpayer company was not entitled to the allowance on its expenditure

It was difficult to understand

Convention resociated between the UK and the US was learned

by the fact that the exception was a limited one, applying only to dividends and interest which

the in the best interests of the bildren.

It was to be stressed that the father trying to resume access to children who had no proper recollection of him, it was not possible to say that the judge had erred in her decision. long term should be expressed. The children were very young. They would want to know about their father. Without contact they could fantasize about him.

They should have indirect contact with him and the matter

to make a profit from Greystoke. The granting of licences for the regional distribution of a film was the normal method of dealing with world-wide rights.

The distribution/liceasing agreements entered into by WBDL with other Warner companies were entered into in the course of WBDL's trading activities. Those activities were not denatured merely because they were entered into with companies which were in the same group and under the same ultimate control. The facts did not lead to the conclusion that the distribution

agreements were entered into

without regard to the interests of WBDL or for a non-commercial His Lordship then went on to consider the Crown's second ground of resistance to the claim based on the anti-avoidance provisions in paragraph 3 to Schedule 8 to the Finance Act 1971 (Effect of sales between connected provisions) connected persons, sale and lease-back etc), as modified by section 68(3) and (7) of the Finance Act 1972. He concluded, in agreement with the commissioners, that those provisions did not assist

His Lordship finally considered the facts relating to the expenditure by the taxpayer company on the acquisition of the master negative of Krull and arrived at the same result. Revenue, Brecher & Co.

the Crown.

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It is not expected that any action will be taken against Ervin McSweeney, the Wellington captain who, in a Shell Trophy match against Canterbury on Tuesday, instructed his bowlers to bowl a series of full tosses off no-balls to encourage his opponents to resume a run chast.

After the match, which ended Contract to A P A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE After the match, which ended in a draw with Canterbury two runs abort of victory and two wickets standing. Wellington issued McSweeney with only a mild rebulce, while the New Zealand Cricket Council will only take action if a formal complaint is made.

There must, however, he a Andready of the Party of the Pa THE RES. P. LEWIS CO., LANSING Committee There most, however, be a possibility that the rules will be 20 10222 changed as a result of the farcical events of the last two overs of the match, in which Canterbury were fed 94 runs.

There are not

pital allow

successful, tactics by Andrew Wingfield Digby, the Dorset captain, in a Minor Countles match against Cheshire at Sherborne two years ago, the competition's rules were AND THE STREET In any event McSweeney has been suspended for a match after being found guilty of La la respectação de la compação de disputing an umpire's decision on the first day. Wellington will ranged para now have to await the result of the game between Auckland and

Otago before knowing whether they have won the trophy. Western Australia, having sacked Graeme Wood as captain a formight ago, last week dropped him for the Sheffield Shield match against Queens-land in Perth. He may not play for the state again. Des Hoare, Western Australia's chief execrelationship between Wood, his players and the side's coach in the past 12 months came to a head during the match against Tasmania, when the players found his attitude towards the

Without Wood Western Australia beat the leaders, who were depleted by international calls, by an innings and 177 runs, one of the heaviest defeats in Queensland's history. Western Australia scored 607 for eight on a friendly pitch, Veletta's share being 228.

In Sydney, New South Wales moved to within two points of Queensland with a 10-wicket in over South Australia. For the winners, Mark Waugh scored 137, his third century in successive Shield innings.

### BASEBALL

## No progress after talks on contracts

New York (AP) - Baseball players will break off talks about contracts if no agreement is reached by today, a move that may endanger the start of the regular season. There was no progress on Tuesday on the key issue of salary arbitration eli-gibility but talks continued yesterday, the seventh day of the owners' spring-training lockout.

Chuck O'Connor, the chief negotiator for the owners, said management would make a proposal to try to break the stalemate. The union wants players with two years in the major leagues to be eligible for arbitration, as they were before the 1985 agreement. Owners want the threshold to remain at

Donald Fehr, the executive director of the players' associ-ation, said talks would break after today because the union staff needs to travel and update players on the situation. They're scattered over the country and it's going to take

than one dragon. Yours faithfully, time," he said.

Talks probably would not resume until March 5 at the CHARLES V MARMENT, 18 Finsbury Circus, EC2.

## Ballesteros takes to a little bit of America in desert

By John Hennessy Dubai Card of course Having locked horns unsuccessfully with Greg Norman in Australia las! week. Nick Faldo, Master golfer in two continents, faces another formidable opponent in the

Emirates Airline Desert Clas-

will be making his first appear-

ance of the season after a

prolonged period of R and R.

here in the early hours of Tuesday, Hallesteros has been established in this oasis for

more than a week, preparing a video which, he believes, "will

sell a million over the next

Even in this burgeoning area of golf commercialization, Faldo and Ballesteros

are intense rivals. So far

Faldo's video from last year has sold 115,000 copies which,

he claims, surpasses one by George Best as the top seller

among sporting subjects. He is

But videos would count for

about to embark on another.

nothing without the players'

recognized expertise on the

golf course and their con-

frontation here this week,

OVERSEAS CRICKET

A loophole

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five years".

Unlike Faldo, who arrived

sic here this week. He is Severiano Ballesteros, who Seeing the course for the first time, Faldo almost damned it with faint praise. It was "very good - for a green square in the middle of the desert." He did not think it was designed with the prevailing wind in mind. On fast greens bunker shots would be

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difficult with the wind behind. Ballesteros offered no qualification. He had heard a year "but it's better even than I expected. An American-style golf course. Unfortunately, we don't have one like it in

It is an extraordinary conception best appreciated from the air. Faldo's geometry is a little awry, since the course achieved almost at the last measures 1,000 x 700 metres, minute when wheels within occupying 160 acres. It is wheels within still more surrounded by wilderness wheels surmounted the ob- rather than desert, since a whole place, from marbled stacle of appearance money variety of scrub somehow clubhouse to manicured for Faido as well as manages to eke out a sparse existence.

known in these parts and, indeed, there has been a phenomenal amount recently. Ordinarily, the course needs a million gallons of water a day, a fifth of that volume in what passes for winter,

But here, too, the greenhouse effect may be having its influence, for two inches of rain, half the normal yearly rainfall, cascaded down within a few hours a fortnight ago. Tuesday. It must have seemed like Christmas Day to a pair of camels grazing contentedly пеагьу.

The immaculate fairways and manufactured lakes follow the American fashion and if there is little rough in the ordinary way there is plenty of lot about the course from scrubland, so that in such a those who had played it in the brisk wind as blew yesterday inaugural tournament last scoring was not easy in the

Lightning-fast greens ("they're getting it ready for Seve," said one player of said one player of humble station whose anonymity had better be protected), which moreover accept only the shorter-pitched shot, add to the problems.

There is an atmosphere of sandalled comfort about the lawns, As Seve says, there is not a course like it in Europe.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

## Holding races to grand prix win

David Holding, aged 21, from Kettering, can claim to be Britain's premier wheelchair road-racer, following his victory in the men's open class in the British Sports Association for the Disabled-British Wheelchair Racing Association grand prix.

Out of more than a dozen races he entered, Holding never finished lower than second, inevitably battling with Chris Hallam, of Wales. Holding finished with 90 points, Hallam with \$1, and Ian Thompson with \$7.

A disappointing field in the ward in return for the outlay of effort. Even the grand prix According to BSAD's director of operations, Graham Hiscock, the grand prix has proved an effective way of creating closer links between the athletes at the eliue end of the sport, as represented by the BWRA, and grass-roots development.

"We've been able to formulate a positive strategy between BSAG and BWRA by tying in the major competitions like the ADT London Marathon with a programme of training

finished lower than second, inevitably battling with Chris Hailam, of Wales. Holding finished with 90 points, Hailam with 81, and Ian Thompson with 57.

A disappointing field in the women's open gave Karen Davidson an easy victory, with 45 points. In the closed event (tetraplepic). Peter Carruthers won with 90 points, followed by Trever Murray with 63.

Although Holding and Hailam dominate the road-racing field, Holding's coach, Dennis Taylor, said there were several young talents hot on their coats development.

"We've been able to formulate a positive strategy be twen BSAG and BWRA by tying in the major competitions like the ADT London Marathon with a programme of training weekends," Hiscock said. "That way we can feed good people through to the BWRA for their top-level teams. It means that with other disabled people. It is a structure that we would very much like to see with other Hiscock also believes the grand prix has served to

young talents hot on their grand prix has served to tracks. As ever, the constraints heighten the awareness of road-facing new contenders are the high cost of travel and entraints in all events this year. equipment.

The first qualifying race is the
Winning a race is usually no IBM half-marathon at Portsguarantee of any financial re-mouth in March.

anses, West Glamorgan.

An American visitor has an energetic way of seeing the sights

## In the best tradition of sisterly support

By Alix Ramsay

THE SEE TIMES UNISYS

### ADT London Marathon Appeal

Oxford — the home of academe, of dreaming spires, of culture. And of joggers. The place is knee-deep in them. Wherever you go in Oxford there are earnest-looking figures dodging the traffic in search of fitness. But few run with more purpose than Dr Jan Friedmann, director of the Anglo-American programme at St Julie Hall and the only woman in the 12-strong

gramme at St Julie Hall and the only woman in the 12-strong group of The Times/Unisys fund runners in the ADT London Marathon on April 22.

St Julie Hall's programme provides for a dozen sophomore (second-year) students to study in Oxford for a year. They all come from Trinity College in Washington DC — the addest women's Catholic college in the United States. St Julie Hall Itself is linked to the Oxford convent of the Sisters of Notre convent of the Sisters of Notre
Dame de Namur, the founding
order of Trinity College.
Friedmann, herself from Wash-

"Being the only woman chosen by The Times doesn't make me feel like the odd one out at all," she said, "When I was growing up and at college all my role models were women. And must were the first feminists — they advented women before

marathous and of Oxford. Sin-has competed in four New York marathons, the first in 1980. "The New York and London marathous are really events rather than running races. They are fun. In New York it is spectacular. The crowds are sixspectacular. The crowds are six-deep along the route and the New Yorkers are all out for a street party. One time, around the 16-mile mark, the guy I was running with started doing cart-wheels down First Avenue. The trowd loved it. It is just a good

time."

Last three Priodeman was in
Oxford it was as a student. Now,
20 years later and at the age of
39, she is rediscovering her
memories and taking careful
note of the things she missed
first time around.

"Looking back at it now, that
were was even more spectacolar.

"Looking back at it now, that year was even more spectacular. But coming back I now realize how furturants these kids are in the on the programme."

Taking sculling lessons and learning to play real tennis in her spare time away from training and work, Friedmann is happily getting back into student and arademic life. "A lot of down I feel life I'm a collect sophomore again," she said,
"but things do come up to
remind me of the age difference.
This year's students were born in the same year I was in Oxford studying on the same



first Trinity College girl came to study at St Julio Elall and in Friedmann's opinion it is a unique opportunity for the stu-deats, "It opens up so many possibilities," she explained. "It is a -valuable experience and helps. helps international understanding. "The students seem deliti-

ously happy here — there are no signs of homesickness. It is amazing how quickly Anglo-philia sets in. Hopefully the money I raise will help the programme continue and help with scholarships for those who might not be able to afford the year otherwise. I'm fairly ath-letic and enjoy running anyway and the marathon is a nice way

Her training is going according to plan, give or take a few minor hiccopa. "I sprained my liner last week just by standing up" she said. "I suppose it is just another sign of age but it makes you appreciate how precious some joints are."

Friedmann's training runs take her through Oxford and its parks and also give her the choice to see associting of the English countryside — in fact she regards a maration as a

she regards a marathon as a perfect sightseeing opportunity. "It is especially true in New York and I am really looking forward to that in London' she

"Ten years ago I set myself a fund goal to run in the New York Marathon and because it was pagne such an experience I decided to

keep on with it. It is quite something to have so many people cheering you on all round the route. It is the nearest I'll ever come to athletic stardom."

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ICE HOCKEY

## The strain is telling on Soviet imports

From Norman de Mesquita

When the National Hockey League (NHL) scason started last October, the main topic of conversation was the arrival of nine Soviet players, allowed by their federation to play for North American teams for the

Their effect has been mixed. Undoubtedly the most successful has been Sergei Makarov,

fut has been Sergei Makarov, who is among the leading scorers for Calgary Flames, although 
even he has fallen away recently 
as the punishing NFIL schedule 
begins to take its toll. 
Igor Larionov and Vladimir 
Kroutov have found it difficult 
to adjust and the changes made 
to the Vancouver Canucks' 
roster and style to accommodate 
them have seen a sad deteriorathem have seen a sad deteriora-tion in the team's form.

The oldest of the imports, Helmut Balderis, has not been a success with Minnesona North Stars and Sergei Mylnikov, the former international goaltender, has appeared in only five games

nas appeared in only two games for Quebec Nordiques. New Jersey Devils started the season with two defencemen, Sergei Priakin and Viachaslav Fetisov. Priakin played only a bandful of games before being demoted to the club's minor league affiliate in Utica.

Fetisov has more than proved his worth and, when he was joined by Alexei Kasatanov shortly after Christmas, hopes were high, as they had played together for many years in the Sourier national term. Soviet national team. But, well as they played together, dressing improved, because they are not

while Fetisov led a rebellion against the strict methods of the Soviet coach, Sergei Tikhonov, Kasatanov supported the coach and is referred to by Fetisov as

and is referred to by Fetisov as "Tikhonov's boy."
Dimitri Lopuchin, strength coach for the Devils, who has been kept busy during the past five months acting as interpreter for the Soviet players, confirmed that they have not exchanged two words with each other.

For Lopuchin, it has been a trying season. "I have been to so many interviews," he said, "and it is always the same questions. It really is not necessary for the players to show up any more, as I know all the questions and The commonest question is

As expected, having to play three or four games a week in four time zones has been a stumbling block — most of all for Alexander Mogilny, aged 21, of the Buffalo Sabres, who defected last year.

defected me.

The Threes and Unisys hope that by featuring the efforts of our 12 fund remners we will help them find sponsorship. If you is the support one or more of them, write clearly stating your the beneficiaries to The Threes/Unisys Lendon Marshard Appeal, Sports Departing the will be perfected in the psychiatric treatment will cure him, but, in the meantime, he is playing home sames only. The tinal quarter of the season will show whether the Soviet experiment has been a success will show whether the Soviet experiment has been a success. people feel that far too much money has been spent on that players, many of whom are past

## SPORTS LETTERS

## Defeating the dummy run

From Mr H S Booth the opposition to infringe the Sir, Mr K J Haskell (Sports laws?!! Yours faithfully, both his lack of knowledge of rugby football and his partisan- 16 Long Shepherd's Drive,

ship in his accusations against Robert Ioues.
A scrum-haif's dummy run is simed not to deceive the oppostion into infringing the laws, but to warn it that if it continually does it runs the risk of being penalised. Most flankers instinctively "steal" every possible second in order to pervade the opposing backs. Perhaps Mr Haskell's accusations would be more periment. of being penalised. Most transers instinctively "steal" every
possible second in order to
pervade the opposing backs.
Perhaps Mr Haskell's accusations would be more pertinent
addressed to those players.

Robert Jones is singularly

Robert second in order to
practised by so many rugby
scrum-halves. This is quite different in character from the
dummy exercised in open play.

There is a simple way to put
an end to it. The rules should be

Robert Jones is singularly accused, but surely Mr Haskell knows that Richard Hill also extensively and legitimately uses this tactic, as do many other fine scrum-halves. Indeed, in the recent France v England game, Hill not only made the dummy run but indicated the 'deceived" French offender to

There is a very simple remedy for the avoidance of being deceived by a dummy run from the base of a scrum and that is for the back row to stay down until its own scrum-half gives it any appropriate indication that the ball is in the hands of the opposing scrum-half.

"blatant cheat" for deceiving

Dragon lives on

From Mr Charles Marment

Sir, Indeed, it was a great display

of teamwork and running rugby by England, but against a Welsh

team of withered morale I feel

that the English Press has been

very keen to twist the knife -

and comparison with the All

Blacks at this stage is maybe a

East of Offa's Dyke, you all

may feel that George has slain

the Dragon and maybe this "swollen-headed" attitude of "Today Wales, tomorrow the world" is the reason that the

English have been victorious

only six times in 30 years, and

one of those was, as Max Boyce would say, due to "Blind Irish

The English may be forgetting

little premature.

referees

Incidentally, if Will Carling dummies" a pass to, say, Rory Underwood and as a result the latter is tackled without the ball and the offender duly penalised, would Mr Haskell label Carling

Yours faithfully, R W RAE, 111 Blackbrook Lane, Bickley, Bromley, Kent. Art of levitation

other side.

From Mr Timothy Milton Sir, May we assume that Mr K J Haskell wears an England fayour?

changed so that the referee can order the scrum to be re-formed

and the put-in awarded to the

I refer to the photograph of Paul Ackford (also February 15), demonstrating his fine art of levitation, and I ask what can Paul Rendall be doing in the same picture? Surely not lifting - that would be ungentler

Yours faithfully, TIMOTHY MILTON, 61 Ashurst Road, Cockfosters, Herts.

### Green seeds

From Mr Robin Edwards Sir, As wonderful as the England victory against Wales was, the seeds were sown by the previous coach, Martin Green. It was he who recognized,

after the England visit to New Zealand, that fitness and skill levels were grossly inadequate.

Who started the winter fitness visits to Portugal, and who struggled to establish discipline on and off the field? And look at last Saturday's stars. Many of them were Green's former pupils.

Yours faithfully ROBIN EDWARDS, Kirklea Farm, that Wales is the land of more Axbridge, Somerset.

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## has appeal From Mr Keith Moore

Sir, I assume your correspondent, Brian O'Gorman, suggesting the cricket appeal be ended, has written his letter tongue-in-cheek (letters, Feb-

ruary 15). The existing rules of cricket apply in the Test arena equally to the Little Wallop 3rd XI and,

the umpire is already "the sole judge of fact", which is ad-vocated by Mr O'Gorman. Those of us, like myself (and my late father before me) who have played club cricket for almost four decades, have all experienced the "finger-happy" and biased unnits. and biased umpire.

A G MacDonell, in his

magnificent England, their Eng-land mentions the venerable umpire shrieking "Out!" before anyone had time to appeal! At least, as things stand, the batsman has the benefit of both chances: first, that the umpire is competent and fair (which the majority are) and, secondly, that the decent and players of this lovely game restrict the incom-petent and biased umpire to raising his finger to obvious

I am quite sure Robin Jackman and Denis Lillee would testify that few umpires were impressed by the volume or length of their appeals which were not allowed to impinge on their decision. Yours faithfully, KEITH MOORE,

### 22 Kinglisher Court, Bridge Road, East Molesey, Surrey. Enthusiasm rules From Mr Tony Read

Sir, With reference to Mr O'Gorman's letter it would be nice to think that we could leave it to the umpire to decide whether or not a batsman is out without prompting from the fielding side. Bearing in mind the tension under which cricket, and other

sports, are played today, it would be unreasonable to expect a fielding side to remain silent. Even in a friendly fourball on a Sunday morning a chap sinking a 40-foot putt to win the hole is likely to cry "whoopee" or some such and perhaps jump up and down a bit. What his opponents would say is unprintable. Enthusiasm will out; caught and bowied. Yours faithfully, TONY READ,

327 Jersey Road; Osterley, Middlesex.

## Appealing still Complaints hark back to a golden age of PE

From Mr Öllver Leaman Sir, There has recently been a number of articles in The Times about the physical education profession, and the influence of the national curriculum on the

subject.

The general secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, Peter Lawson, repeats his familiar criticisms of the lack of resources provided by PE teachers and the teams they prepare (February 12). Sir Rhodes Boyson follows this with an expression of his doubts concerning the advisability of limiting PE teachers to contrac-tual limits, since this will inevitably have a serious effect upon extra-curricular activities February 14). How justified are

They are harking back to a "golden age" of PE, when the teacher would dedicate himself or herself to the development of successful teams, frequently taking up lunch hours, evenings and Saturdays as well as official school time. This was seen as stimulating the naturally competitive tendencies of British children, resulting in the fostering of social and moral skills very valuable in contem-

Sir Rhodes suggests that the only opposition to the glorifica-tion of competition in sport arises from the dogmas of the "loony left". Whatever may have been the case in the past, it is worth pointing out that the official line of the Labour Party now is firmly behind compet-itive sport, as the junior education spokesman, Derek Fatchett, made clear in Novem-

ber last year.

In any case, there is no evidence of a general anticompetitive ethos in PE departments in schools and colleges. During recent investigations by HMI and by myself, very few PE departments or teachers were found to be antagonistic to-wards competition or the development of excellence among their pupils.

What has been happening though, is the introduction of wider objectives in physical education than was the case in the past. We tend to forget that traditional PE left a lot of children behind. There was a tendency to concentrate upon the elite, frequently a male clite, while those less skilled were provided with uninteresting and unrewarding physical activities. Many children left school apathetic about physical recreation and determined to avoid participation in sport at all improvement by female athletes

Today there is a lot more thoughtfulness going into PE, albeit with a palpable lack of financial and physical resources. financial and physical resources. Many teachers are committed to an education-for-all policy, developing activities which can be enjoyed and which are educationally valuable for the whole ability range. The aim which the PE profession has in mind is the enjoyment of sport and physical recreation by all children, regardless of their natural abilsuccessful school teams is often considered a subsidiary and rather unnecessary task by PE teachers who are more con-

cerned with helping everyone in the school enjoy participation in

This is not to say that there is a general anti-competitive bias in the profession, far from it. Most PE teachers are them-selves highly competitive sports players and realize the benefits players and realize the benefits to be derived from such activities. But they also appreciate that the majority of their pupils are not capable of sporting excellence and still deserve an education which will assist them in acquiring physical chills. in acquiring physical skills which will benefit them both in school and later on in life. Surely these are commendable ideals and are preferable to the out-dated stereotype of the PE teacher as primarily interested in the selection and training of teams. We should resist the attempt at turning the clock back, and remember all those erable, who hung about on the sidelines while a minority were proomed for excellence and

2 Eaton Road, Cressington Park, Still organized

Yours faithfully

OLIVER LEAMAN.

### From Mr Datek Stockdale Sir, May I comment on a phrase Women improving

From Mr Joseph Beer Sir, In the debate concerning male and female athletic perfor-mance (Sports Letters, February 15), as a triathlete I add further, yet conflicting, evidence, to that which Mr L Main presented. Ironman 1989: Male 8hr 9min 15sec; Female 9:0.56. Dif-ference: 9.553 per cent.

However, on viewing the Ironman results during the last decade, times indicate greater

used by David Gibbs in his letter (February 8) — "organized team games have virtually dis-appeared from the maintained

sector of education"? What does he mean by organized team games? As some-one who earns his bread and butter visiting maintained schools to observe and comment upon the teaching of physical education, I can assure David Gibbs that team games—
eg. basketball, rugby, cricket,
volleyball, netball, hockey, etc—
are all very central features of
what I observe. Indeed, many commentators

believe that these activities play too big a part in an overall scheme of work for physical education. The teachers have education. The teachers have thought through their strategies for the lessons, including the amount of equipment to be used, the area to be used and the development of the lesson, from individual work to small group play, and sometimes, at the appropriate stage, to full sided

Every opportunity is taken not only to develop techniques (individually and in groups) but also a wider understanding of principles involved in games-playing. In such contexts, therefore, it is not really accurate to state that organized team games have virtually disappeared from maintained schools. I suppose that David Gibbs

really means inter-school team matches - and, of course, he is right in that statement, to the extent that there is no way nearly as much activity as there used to be. But there is some there are some teachers who are still prepared to give up their evenings and Saturdays, and not only for the girls and boys of their own schools, but at a regional and county level.

Yours faithfully. DEREK STOCKDALE 272 Avery Hill Road, Eltham, London SE9.

### (almost double that of males): Male 11:21.24 1989 8:9.15 Reduction 1:15.18 2:20.28

However, in such endurance events, the battle is not between the sexes, rather it is a battle between the individual and their potential.

Yours faithfully JOSEPH REER Clackham, Freshford Lane. near Bath, Avon.

### Peaceful times remembered

From Mr C Overson

Sir, In the continuing corres-pondence about football grounds, it is often stated that in less affluent times fans did not travel to away games and hence there was little trouble at

I have always found this claim difficult to accept fully. Surely fans at least went to see their team play in local derbies, such as Liverpool and Everton, and major Cup games, including of course the Cup final?

The excellent centenary tory of Brentford FC, which I happen to be reading at present, refers to the formation of the supporters' club just after the war and to the large numbers of supporters that it took to away games. This is evidenced by a photograph, circa 1950, showing at least a dozen coaches waiting to take fans to a - presumably trouble-free - away match.

No doubt other evidence of this could be found. I certainly remember going to matches in the late 1950s and early 1960s where large numbers of support-ers of both sides co-existed peacefully.

Yours faithfully, C OVERSON. 9 Cambridge Road, North Harrow, Middlesex

### General alert From Mr Robert Scott-Rucclinich

Sir, To discourage any feeling of over-confidence, I should like to alert the England and Scotland football team managers to the fact that, even restricting their choice to players active in the Rio and São Paulo leagues, the Brazilian selectors could field the following team in the forth-coming World Cup: Alexander, Julius Caesar, Arthur, Char-lemagne, Wallace, Eugène, Washington, Ney, Wellington, Nelson, Bismark, Reserves: Moses, Zenon, Socrates, Marcus Aurelius, Francis of Assisi, John Paul Manager: Luxembourg.
This selection, at least on

paper, would seem to be invin-cible. Can either England or Scotland mutch in?

Yours faithfully, SCOTT-ROBERT BUCCLEUCH Av Manoel da Nobrega 283/71, São Vicente SP, CEP 11320,

**Breland** 

so nice

a guy to

beat up

If Lloyd Honeyghan's bering can live up to the deeds of his here. Nelson Mandela, he have been to first british boxer to win the world clamp-knashty three times at Warsbley on March 3. Honeyghan has dedicated his challenge for Mark Breland's World Boxing Asociation welterweight title to the South African super-heavy-tight, who has outlineased all

vight, who has outdissanced all his separated. "Nelson Mandela was a great

"Nelson Mannetz was a great baxing fan who baxed hisself;" Honeyghan told a press con-ference yesterday. "He means freedom to ste, the right of black people to freedom in South Africa."

Africa."

If this should be seen as type jumping on the bandwagon of a political fighter, Honeyghan can be absolved from any charge of flumeling. He released to defeat his title against Harold Volbrecht, of South Africa, in 1966 and foreigned the WBA part of his undisputed title.

"I don't respect Breland for fighting a South African [Volbrecht for the varant title] and I cannot allow him to best me that But I don't want this to be turned into a political fight. I am just putting my point of view. He is such a sice guy, it is a shame I have to beat him up."

Honeyghan even took his inspiration from Africa for a special half and half ban-do. He said he had been impressed by a programme on African. "They

the said he had been impressed by a programme on African warriers on television. "They would prepare for war by doing all sorts of things to their hair," he said "I'm a warrior. It's like going back to my roots."

He claimed that he was in heater them for this heat show the

better shape for this bout than he was for Donald Carry when

he was for Donald Carry when he lifted the title four years ago. Mike Tyson's downfail has made him train even harder. "I want this title so had, you can't imagine how had, when I saw what happened to Mike Tyson I got up and went for a 14-mile run instead of my normal eight or 10. I don't want to get tired or run out of stemm."

## The fluent English show French what might have been

From Sydney Friskin

England spared themselves the embarrassment of having to qualify for the next World Cup tournament with an em-

surprisingly defeated Spain 2-

Except for a few early forays

## Pakistanis in final against Dutch

World Cup after being outrun by Pakistan, who won 2-1 before by ransam, who who 241 tenter an enraptured crowd of 58,000 to qualify for tomorrow's final. They will play the Netherlands, who beat West Germany 3-2 in

work and acceleration, reached the final for the fifth time; the won the cup in 1971, 1978 and

Australia were stunned by Pakistan's goal in the third minute by Anjum Saced from a short corner. They were quick to retaliate from a similar award seven minutes later thanks to Corbitt but thereafter were de-nied possession and could not play their usual running game. When Khalid Bashir converted another short corner with

a rasping shot in the 44th minute Australia's troubles began to multiply.

A sequence of missed chances

once again characterised Paki-stan's play. Before the start of this match they had converted only three of their 35 shot corners. Yesterday they capital-ized on two out of six. Australia had four short corners and scored from one.

As the match drew to a close Pakistan had more chances, which proved unavailing, but their defence managed to repel Australia's last desperate

Carsten Fischer, the world

With this win England made sure of finishing in the top six and a place in the next competition. They will now play off for fifth place against the Soviet Union, who

famous West German full back, famous West German full back, will not go home with a gold medal, but yesterday he deserved one for bringing the Germans back in the game twice with two goals from short corners, both beautifully struck. But they were not enough to prevent the Dutch emerging worthy winners in the earlier semi-final and reach the final for Pakistan, with brilliant stick-

the third time. They were win-ners in 1973 and runners-up to Pakistan in 1978. Yesterday's match was decided on set pieces, four of the five goals coming from short corners and the fifth from a penalty stroke. But if Fischer and the penalty stroke Dutchman had the power, Dutchman Bovelander, who converted three short corners, had the precision. He preferred the deft flick to the power-driven shot to

frustrate the German defenders

The Netherlands, having taken the lead with a Bove-lander goal in the 31st minute, were still leading at the interval. Fischer then scored in the 56th minute and Delissen for the Dutch in the 65th from a penalty stroke. Fischer scored egain in the 67th minute to send the match into extra time leav-ing Bovelander to win it for the Dutch with a goal 12 minutes

before the end.

was a more fluent England team who left their followers wondering why they had not

done it all before. Only two early alarms were raised for England in the form of short corners to France who had taken fully 17 minutes to enter the circle. But Rowlands, making his first appearance in goal in this tour saved on both occasions from Feix.

A mix-up in the French defence led to England's first goal in the 25th minute by Thompson, who chased the ball to the right of the circle and drove in a hard, angled shot. Two minutes before the interval, Kerly worked the ball across the face of the goal and released it for Clift to seize his

The visilance of the French defence prevented England converting a sequence of three short corners early in the second half, but their ascendency brought in two more goals, both by Kerly. The first was set up for him by Leman in the 52nd minute with a timely back pass and the second in the 57th from Some Singh's free hit.

The best the French could offer in retaliation was a short corner which led to a scrumble.

PRAINCE P Fortis P Feb., D Lovison (sub-P Febler), M Catomar (cuptain), G van Hook, J Portfales, S Montac, C Delayers, T Delayers (sub: C Comercy, F Chires, C Viste (sub: G Lindre).

Umpires: D Prior (Aus) and C Seidler (W Germany) • Ignacio Escude's goal for Spain in the 68th minute from a short corner was his eighth in the World Cup which kept him in the position of top scorer but it was not enough to save Spain. Deputatov scored for the Soviet Union in the 21st minute and Cholopov added another in the 40th

### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

## St Helens lure Bourneville

A year after rejecting the idea of signing Viv Richards, Sat-urday's Yorkshire AGM will

learn that a player from overseas

has been taken on after all. Craig

lian Cricket Academy, is to join the county in April.

The debate over signing over-seas players is one that has divided Yorkshire cricket in recent years, with several mem-bers of the committee con-

vinced that only by doing so can

the county compete in the modern game. Six months ago the suggestion that Yorkshire should employ overseas cricket-ers helped to cost Phil Carrick

Traditionalists can relax on

this occasion, however. White, an Australia Under-19 opening batsman and off-spin bowler,

from Adelaide, was born in

Yorkshire. His family emigrated to Australia in 1977. White also

Boycott.
"I've got a copy of his birth

"Ye got a copy of his orth certificate, and it says born in Morley." Steve Oldham, the Yorkshire manager, said of White yesterday. "He sounds a very good player from what you can tell by figures. In February he played against the Sri Lankan to the head of th

tourists and scored 80, then he

White, a graduate of the Austra-

Mark Bourneville, the New Zealand international back, will arrive at St Helens this afterweight 151/252, is a utility player who can play at wing, centre or back-row forward. Sutcliffe said: "Although he cannot play in the Challenge Cup, he will be a great asset in the run-in for the noon to sign for the club, despite rumbles of discontent from Bourneville, who toured Great Britain with the 1985 championship and premier-ship." Bourneville is the first Kiwis, has been playing for Villeneuve but has never been signing by the new St Helens coach, Mike McClennan, a New

officially cleared or registered with them. Geoff Sutcliffe, the Zealander who knows Bourneville as a club player. Wales scored a surprise 30-10 St Helens sectemy, said: Main assures me that he has told Villeneuve that he is signing for St Helens, and they have accepted it."

Bourneville, who is 25 and victory in the student inter-national at South Glamorgan behind at half-time, but were inspired by a "mature student"

in Ness Flowers, the former Wigan scrum half, who scored a trebie, and Mark Oxley, the wing, who scored a try and six soals. Oxley is the son of David Oxley, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League.

The two amateur clubs from

London, St Mary's College and Twickenham, have home ties in the third round of the National Cup this weekend. They play Woolston and Wigan St Pat-

rick's, respectively.

The 1990 university match between Oxford and Cambridge will take place at Headingley on

tice for young English and Australian players to spend a

summer playing in the other country, several English players

benefitting from scholarships for that purpose, Laurie Potter, the Kent and Leicestershire

batsman, represented both

White is a slightly different

case, as he was recommended to Yorkshire by Jack Potter. Potter

is a coach at the Australian Academy and a friend of Bob Appleyard, the former Yorkshire off spinner, who is a member of the county

White will be attached to the

Yorkshire Cricket Academy, which is based on the Australian model, and will play for Farsley in the Bradford League.

Hampshire have agreed terms

with Linden Joseph, the West Indian fast bowler, and will sign

indian last bowler, and will sign him in time for the team's pre-season tour of Barbados. Jo-seph, aged 21, has been spearheading Guyana's attack in the Red Stripe Cup and was a member of the Young West Indies tour party to Zimbabwe

countries at achools level.

overseas opener

By Peter Ball

Foreman lining up Lewis turns down bout with Douglas title opportunity

CRICKET: LEG-SPIN FROM AN IN-FORM BATSMAN GIVES ENGLAND A SELECTORS A FURTHER OPTION IN ZIMBABWE

man, who won the world heavy-weight crown in 1973, attempted to move his massive frame into the title picture yesterday, declaring himself ready to meet Buster Douglas, who knocked out Mike Tyson in Tokyo, on February 10, if negotiations break down for a bout between Douglas and Evander Holyfield, the No. 1

Foreman, aged 41, attended a news conference called by Douglas and his manager, John Johnson, and later said he was the most logical candidate for fight with George Foreman, but the champion's first title we all realize that if we couldn't

"That's why I'm here. If "That's why I'm here. If these people, that's a post Holyfield and Douglas fight, ity," Johnson said.

Yorkshire take on Atherton provides a bonus

Five wickets for the wrist spin of Michael Atherton was the main

feature yesterday on the second day of England A's three-day match against Young Zimbabwe.

Atherton's success underlined

that the touring team have a second option where slow bowl-

second option where slow bowling is concerned during the
forthcoming one-day and fiveday fixtures against Zimbabwe.
On another day of blistering
beat, Atherton took four for 12
in his first nine overs in midafternoon after Young Zimbabwe had lost only one wicket
in the first three hours.

The tour selectors had not

ruled out the possibility of including both slow left-arm bowlers, Illingworth and Afford, in the representative games. Local pitches are proving so lifeless that spin bowling could play a significant rule.

play a significant role.
With Atherton certain of his

place as a batsman, and yes-terday's early confirmation that the Zimbabweans could be

valuerable to spin, means that England A can include an extra batsman. This could be important as the summons for Chris Lewis to join the senior side in West Indies deprived the A party of a valued all-conneder.

A party of a valued all-rounder and left them with a dangerous lengthening of their tail.

Afterwards, Atherton was suitably modest, saying: "I man-

last autumn. He was recommended to Hampshire by Malcohn Marshall, whose contract
with the county expires at the
end of next season.

aged to drop it on the spot and
had the luck that the other
bowlers did not have. Some
days you can drop it right on;
other times it is not so good."

putting up office blocks but we are looking to them to belp us." no county cricket at Aberyst-wyth this year.

in the first three hours.

win, you've got something to write about."

the condition of kin hands, which saffer from arthritis. "I've been looking after them," he said any more, I always try not to use my hands in training to save them for the fight because they are not 100 per cent. Had the problem since 19, gets worse and worse. It's nice to be fighting in my home town; if I'm not right on the night, that will help me."

Holyfield's promoter. Dan Duva, had said he wanted the bout to take place in June so the boxers could "strike while the iron is hot".

Johnson held out the possibility that Douglas could meet Foreman if talks with Holyfield's handlers go nowhere. He predicted the bout would bring in the same type of revenues as a Douglas-Holyfield match.

"We're not talking about a come to reasonable terms with

Of the other bowlers, Afford, who bowled with good control and had little luck. Other plus

marks for England A were that Watkin rediscovered his line, while both he and Rhodes, the

wicketkeeper, have clearly thrown off the effects of food

poisoning.

With the one-day internationals start this weekend, Nicholas reshuffled the batting order to give practice to those who needed it most. Unfortunately, he himself played on via a boot in the second over before Whitaker and Thorpe batted confidently until the close.

wantaker and Inorpe batted confidently until the close. Young Zimbabwe concentrated on survival until the later stages of their innings. Flower, aged 19 and considered an international prospect, transfor all prospects, transfor all prospects, aged 19 and considered an international prospect, transfor all prospects, and prospects are all prospects and prospects.

stayed for almost four hours as he laboriously accumulated 46 in 62 overs. Bruk-Jackson was similarly subdued before he tried to drive Pringle and was

caught at extra cover.

Atherion brought much-

needed entertainment when he joined the attack. His sixth ball, he admitted later, was a half-volley which tempted Murphy to drive and Nicholas took the

catch at slip above his head. A much better ball, a top-spinner, hit Goodwin's off stump in the next over as the batsman tried to

defend on the back foot.
Flower was out to the best hall

super-heavyweight gold medal winner, has turned down the chance to chase the Common-wealth title because his manager does not think he is ready to go

the distance. wanted the bout — a final eliminator — to be over 10 rounds but Frank Majoney, the manager of Lewis, will not be diverted from a careful plan, which he hopes will end in a challenge for the world title.

A close shave with the barber: Honeyghan goes back to his hair roots with an African coiffure

ring in Florida, he is unlikley to

be using his hands between now and the the hig day. "I'm just here to maintain my weight," he said. However, despondent supporters can take heart from this message from the promoter, Mickey Duffi "I haven't seen his hands in hatter cleans He had hands had hands he had hands he had hands he had he had

hands in better shape. He is probably the best Lloyd Honeyghan I've seen, probably better than he was for Curry." Daff, who is paying

be totally wrong to be diverted," Maloney said yesterday. "Len-nox has been boxing only over six rounds until now and the eight rounds contest against

shorter googly kept low and had

Atherton found it harder

against several aggressive strokes by the left-hander, Crocker, who was the last man out when he finally fell to a

out when he finally fell to a tumbling catch by Pringle at deep mid-on. Before this, Evans had trusted to his eye, but immediately after on-driving. Afford for six he was bowled behind his legs trying to repeat the stroke. Afford also beat Du Preez with turn as the batsman readed up.

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Total (1 wid) 40

M. A. Asherton, J. P. Stephenson, D. J. Bicknet, 1.S. J. Rhodes, D. R. Pringle, D. V. Lawrence, J. A. Alond, S. L. Wasser, 20 bd. FALL OF WICKET: 1-5.

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Preez 1-1-0-0.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-108, 3-113, 4-128, 5-151, 6-179, 7-201, 8-204.

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ing on to 10 rounders."

Kilimanjaro, who has won 28 of his 34 contests, is ranked No. 26 by the World Boxing Council, but has lost to two British boxers, Hughroy Currie and Horace Notice.

Lewis will go on to box in Gausthead on March 22, and the Albert Hall in April, Maloney is tests in Moscow and Tel Aviv.

**Conditions** 

look ripe

for Hadlee

From Qamar Ahmed Auckland

Instead of naming 12 players, as has been their usual practice on the tour, India will select from

13, including the medium-paced bowler Vivek Razdan, for the

third and final Test which starts

at Eden Park today. New Zealand have a 1-0 lead in the

predict, although the pitch was very well grassed before its final cut, India's caution is under-standable. However, it is hard to

see Razdan, whose only two previous Tests were on the tour

of Pakistan late last year, making the final selection.

Bishen Bedi, the Indian coach, said no decision would be made until after a final inspection of the pitch when it could be seen how much executed.

could be seen how much grass

up a four-strong pace attack it

shown some encouraging form outside of the Tests, as well as the out-of-form Vengsarkar, leaving Hirwani and Razdan as

the discards. This would mean India going into the match a bowler short, leaving Kapil Dev.

Prabhakar, Wasson and the leg spinner Raju, as the only specialists, although the gentle

medium-pacers of the captain

had been left on.

With conditions difficult to

## Palace Recreation Centre on Monday, is just the right move

Honeygham £100,000 for the bont, claimed that, apart from Ilrum's content, this ese would be the biggest, financially, of his career as a promoter. Already more therets have been said than for Honeyghan's return bout with Jorge Vaca. The bout, which will be seen live in 20 constries, is expected to make £550,000 from a self-our at the 13,000-capacity Wembley Arens.

for him at this time. "Kilimanjaro is a definite step-up in class and I would expect Lennox to have two or three more contests before mov-

ing to fear from Carvill's Hill or Maid Of Money."

tion — he may be sent to run in the Ducling Grounds International Hurdle in Kentucky on April 22.

GCLD CUP\* Acquiliter, Baltyhana, Bernarock Acam, Banapa Tam, Bonsum Boy, Call Collect, Carvin's HR, Carvine Boy, Call Collect, Carvin's HR, Carvine Count, Celic Stot, Cool Ground, Desert Orchid, Midding, Mad of Money, Middight Count, Nick The Brief, Norton's Coin, Pegwell Bey, Ten Of Spedee, The Baltswell Boy, The Thinicer, Toby Tobias, Twin Celis, Yuhoo.

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bay colt foal Top French miler Miesque, who won the 1987 1,000 Guineas, has

produced her first feal — a bay colt by Mr Prospector — at Lane's End Farm, in Versailles, Kentucky. Miesque is now due to be covered by Blushing

had been left on.

The feeling remains, however, that India will opt for the extra batsman to try and counter the threat of Richard Hadlee, who may well find conditions enough to his liking to add substantially to his record number of Test wickets. New Zealand have Morrison, Snedden and Thomson available to make up a four-strong race attack if Southernair (Mark Perrett) was beaten over 40 lengths when seventh behind all-the-way winsevento penind all-the-way win-ner Collins (Didier Mescam) in the Prix le Bonif at Asteuil yesterday. Southernair remains in France for a crack at the Prix

required.

Gursharan Singh, aged 27, from Delhi, is likely to be included for his first cap, having RACING COMMENTARIES 0896 222 5ES RACING RESULTS 0898 222 565 WIN E100 DAILY SPORTS QUIZ 0898 500 100 Ladbrokes CHLSCOST TO PER MANTE (CHEP RATE) OR TO PER MANTE (CITIES MANTE CHEP RATE) OR

John Bracewell had a long John Bracewell had a long bowl at the nets yesterday and showed he was not inconvenienced by a bruised index finger. John Wright, the New Zealand captain, seems keen that he should play to lend the strack some variety. The the attack some variety. The captain who wins the toss will sition to bat.

MERW ZEALAND (from): J. G. Wright (captain), T. J. Franklin, A. H. Jones, M. D. Crows, M. J. Grassbatch, K. R. Rutherford, J. G. Bracowell, I. D. S. Smith, R. J. Haddes, M. C. Snedden, D. K. Morrison, S. Trosseon. MICIA front: M American (captain), Wy Raman, M Prabhakar, S V Manyakar, D B Vengsarkar, S R Tendulkar, Kapil Dev, K S More, S L V Raju, A Wasson, N Hirwani, V



Paul Kelleway: optimistic Stone Flake will be fit nally from now on and each day will tell us more."
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RACING

likely to be made until nearer the Triumph, which is on March

Ladarokes have re-intro-duced Stone Flake into their betting at 12-1 for the race. They make Royal Square, an eight-length winner at Huntingdon on Tuesday, 4-1 favourite and then bet 10-1 Martin Pipe's Silver King. Barnbrook

## Again still **Cup factor**

Connections of Barnbrook Again have still not ruled out a possible tilt at the Cheltenham Gold Cup on March 15.

The two mile champion chases was left in the race at yesterday's forfeit stage and his owner Mel Davies said: "I hope to draws the matter with David Elements at Microsoften. Elsworth at Wincanton tomor-row. But I still think it unlikely

"My trainer favours the Queen Mother Champion Chase, but so many things can happen in the nm-up to the Gold Cup and my feeling is it could be a very small field this

There's a pattern emergin for the race and last weekend's events show that there is noth-

A major factor governing any decision is likely to be the state of the ground. Davies is not keen for the horse to run in the Gold Cup on soft or heavy ground, especially as - subject to invita-

Festival entries

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## BADMINTON

## 'Old man' Frost is favoured

By Richard Enton

Morten Front will be the oldest top seed of modern times at next month's Yonex All England championships. The Hertford-shire domiciled Dane who will Wembley event, has been made favourité according to the seeding list announced yesterday.

Nevertheless it will take a great deal for one of the best all-round player of the Eighties to win his fifth men's singles title.

Two major dangers appear to lie in wait — China's Zhao Jianhua, who beat him in the brilliant 1985 final, and the Indonesian teenager Ardy Wiranata, whose athletic airborne attacking brought Frost down in the quarter-finals of the world championships nine

months ago.
The women's top seed, Susi Susanti, who is only 18, is much more representative of modern age trends. However her nearest rival should be the second seeded Tang Jiuhong of China, the world grand prix winner. England's Fiona Smith, who won three Commonwealth gold medals in Auckland, and Helen Troke, the former European hampion, are also seeded

There are two seeding places for England's double specialist Gillian Gowers in the women's and mixed doubles, in partner-ship with Gill Clark and Den-

## ROWING

### Second term for Tanner

By a Special Correspondent The Amateur Rowing Association amounced yesterday the appointment of its chief inter-national coaches for 1990. There

were no surprises.
David Tanner, who took over as men's chief coach in July 1989, will continue with the heavyweight men's squad. The lightweight men will be the responsibility of Mark Lees, the Cambridge coach, and a man of proven ability with lightweights during his period with Nottingham County in the mid-1980s Bob Michaels will be respon-sible for both the heavyweight and lightweight women's squads, a dual role which is by no means unworkable since the numbers are not large.

The record profit of £100,264 that Sussex made last year, together with £94,591 raised through their 150th anniversary appeal, has given the club a nucleus for the re-development of their courant with the completely. "In 10 years' time, the of their county ground at Hove. It has also enabled them to clear

debts of £44.105 "Although a major factor in this success was the substantially increased contribution from the Test and County Cricket Board, which resulted from increased income achieved from the Australian tour, nearly all other items of income showed welcome increases," Par Tye, the Sussex treasurer, said. "This was particularly in the case of receipts from matches

and marketing.
These factors surely show that given the right ingredients of weather, good cricket, pub-licity and effort, cricket can still that, even though Hove Bor-ough Council is opposed to the ground becoming a commercial enterprise, there has to be something more than 60 days cricket a year staged there. Sussex own the ground and are open to suggestions from planners. "A minimum of £5m will be needed for re-dev-

elopment so we are going to the market place," Wadey said. "The Council are opposed to us

Sussex have re-seeded the playing area of Hove Nigel Bett, the club secretary, said they were monitoring the progress at the new ground at Hastings but did not expect to play second XI cricket there before 1992. The Central Ground in Hastings has Central Ground in Hastings has not been developed as planned and may be available for county cricket next year. The delay in building came too late for Sussex to amend their fixtures for this season.

terday their Refuge Assurance League game against Lancashire on May 27 will be played at Colwyn Bay instead of Aberyst-

wyth. This means there will be

Tony Pigott, the Sussex all-rounder who was capped in 1982, has been awarded a benefit for 1991. ● Glamorgan announced yes-

## Atherton bowled, an alluring, classic googly to which the batsman padded up and was leg before without offering a stroke. Briant, the fourth victim, was a BOWLING: Lawrence 12-4-24-0; Walkin 13-6-22-0; Arlord 26-9-66-2; Pringle 11-3-32-1; Stephenson 5-0-21-0; Afterton Sussex to spend surplus on ground MCC announces team for tour of Argentina

wicketkeeper, it will comprise club cricketers. The manager will be John Jameson, the former England butsman who is an assistant secretary of MCC.

Jack Boad will be going as an
unpire and also to assist the
development of unpiring in

By Ivo Tennant MCC is sending a party of 14 players on a three-week tour to Argentina next week which, in its own way, will play a part in repairing diplomatic tinks. It is the first time MCC has sent a side there since the Felklands conflict, in 1982.

Other than Paul Parker, of Sussex, who will captain the side, and Rodney Cass, the former Worcestershire wichtefteeper, it will equapties

MCC will also play a South almost the first cricket ship to be going since the Falklands. A clear unset The Tron and the ship to the ship to

representative side in three one-day matches and one two-day match. There will also be a fixture against an Argentina under-25 XI. At the ead of the tour, Argentina will announce their party for the ICC Trophy

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RACELINE

## Kribensis to strengthen title claim

(Michael Phillips)

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With Cruising Altitude, Kribensis, Floyd, Mole Board and See You Then all standing their ground at Wincanton today, the Kingwell Hurdle has developed into a mini

championship. If a lesson was to be learned from Monday's National Spirit Trophy at Fontwell Park, where Vagador just managed to pip Beech Road on advantageous terms, it was that form at this level is to be relied upon.

relied upon.
In the circumstances, Mole
Board can be expected to run a
Kribensis enters the fray fresh big race at these weights even

When he finished sixth in the Champion Hurdle last year, he was less than 1½ last race. That was at Cheltenham in December when he will not be fitted with blinkers

2.00 Riverhead.

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2.30 Terra Di Siena. 3.00 Kribensis.

receiving a priceless 4lb from end of his tether as Nomadic on Tuesday morning when sesses the requisite stamina to Floyd, who has won the last Way and Beech Road were they appeared to have the cope with what is bound to be ture race.

Also, it is pertinent to add them weight this afternoon. However, that was the only

time that Kribensis has ever Altitude at level weights. been beaten over hurdles and I believe it only fair to give him day's sharper course will suit him to perfection.

just after Christmas.

3.30 Cavvies Clown.

WINCANTON

Selections

By Mandarin

By Michael Seely 3.00 KRIBENSIS (nap). 3.30 Kildimo.

2.0 DMA BUSINESS SYSTEMS NOVICES HURDLE (£3,498: 2m) (21 runners)

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BETTING: 5-2 Terms Di Siens, 7-2 Tidel Streem, 9-2 Mandrald Shuffle, 5-1 Temino, 5-1 Rendolph Cres-

FORM FOCUS TAMENO had PROBten CHILD a distant
4th when besting Mister Feethers 10t at Windsor (2m
5tl, good to firm) lettest.
SHANNAGARY, disappointing latest, hung right on
the run-in when a nack 2nd to Gabb Spinney ar
Towcester (2m 50yd, good to firm) previously,
sEACONSIDE, making seasonal debut today, stayed on strongly to best Bashtul Lad 4t at Harnadord
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**FOLKESTONE** 

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 Comandante. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 COMANDANTE.

By Brian Beel

1.15 Random Time. 3.45 Give Me A Break.

1.15 Bill Cornwall

1.45 Teniente.

.45 Harbour Walk.

3.45 GIVE ME A BREAK (nap).

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3 15 Blue Dart.

2.30 SAVE AND PROSPER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,812: 2m 5f) (15 runners)

towards the finish. While the form of that race gallops. But gallops are one that they both finished in front has worked out well, a strict of Kribensis who, along with line through Floyd, who fin-Cruising Altitude, has to give ished fourth only two lengths adrift, suggests that Kribensis can take care of Cruising

As far as the former champion See You Then is conthe benefit of the doubt on this cerned it is a bold move on the occasion, especially since to- part of his trainer, Nicky Henderson, to return to the course where the 10-year-old broke down so badly

Yet following Saturday's disaster at Nottingham what from a short rest after beating else could he do if he wants to though he has not raced this Osric and Floyd at Kempton give him a chance on better ground because the alter-

can win the two main races with Harbour Walk (2.45) and Blue Dart (3.15). While Harbour Walk, my

of his lethargic way on the

thing and it remains to be seen

whether he will let himself go

Kildimo, the past two winners

of the Jim Ford Challenge

Cup, are to make a belated

seasonal debut in today's run-

ning. Cavvies Clown, who has

always been the easier to get

At Folkestone, Tim Forster

Cavvies Clown and

this time.

fit, is preferred.

selection for the Gerald Glover Stayers Novices' Hurdle, has looked dour rather than spectacular when winning his last three races, he has Blinkered first time place Floyd. Now he will be appeared to be coming to the even though he did wear a pair at least shown that he pos-

3.0 KINGWELL HURDLE (Listed race: £10,430: 2m) (9 runners)

Board. 20-1 others.

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FORM FOCUS CRUSSING ALTITUDE: The way of the second of the s

3.30 JIM FORD CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Listed race: £8,415: 3m 1f) (4 runners)

FORM FOCUS CAVIES CLOWN 9-11-10 R Arnott (9-5) D Etworm 3 rain 1,44 6th of 7 to Polytemus at Newbury (3m 2f 82yd. good). KILDIBIO. an enignatic character, has not refusing at the final lence in test year's Gold Cup. had previously beaten Golden Freeze 21/4 in test year's running of this race (good to soft).

QUIDEN FREEND, 20 may a distance 3rd of 4 to base 700. COOL GROUND, 9XI 4th of 7 to Ten Of Spedes in a Newbury listed chase (3m, heavy), had previously jumped moderately when 50 to Selection. CAVVIES CLOWN

4.0 GEORGIE NEWALL NOVICES CHASE (\$22,524: 2m) (16 runners)

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1988: TIOAL STREAM 6-11-2 H Device (6-1) T Foreitr 18 ray
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Astre Radiaux at Werwick (2m 4f, good to soft). Collect VANNOCK, a consistent
GEORGIC easily best Random Romanos 151 at
Lucaster (2m, soft) last times stable in great form.
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E FOUR STAR LINE 4-10-10 H Davies (20-1) W G M Turner 14 ren

FORM FOCUS BARRISH makes his to Sayyure at Kempton (2m 4f, good); previously 20 2nd of 12 to Gay Ruffish at Haydock (2m, heavy). 2nd performer on the Flat, he put up his best effort when beeting Lyreen River 9 at Brighton (im 4f, firm). COME ON TORY showed a little promise when 28 the of 15 to Cache Flutz in a Warwick bumper (2m, sold). First Flat when the best effort when whining Beth maiden (im 3f 150yd, good to firm). IVEAGH HOUSE, 48f 4th of 16 Selection: IVEAGH HOUSE.

2.15 WEARE NOVICES CHASE (92,544: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

4.30 MERE MAIDEN HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,038: 2m) (21 runners)

BETTRIC: 5-4 Kribenous, 3-1 Cruising Attitude, 6-1 See You Then, 7-1 Floyd, 8-1 Island Set, 10-1 Mole

two runnings of today's fea- gaining ground hand over fist desired effect and stir him out a slog over 2% miles in the mud

> Having missed the whole of last season, one so gross as Blue Dart, my choice for the Gay Record Challenge Trophy, has understandably taken time to find his rhythm.

> But that was no more than Forster predicted and what his last race at Uttoxeter showed was that he was running into the sort of form

The day's best bet though should be Give Me A Break to win the second division of the Tenterden Maiden Hunters Chase. On his seasonal debut, Robert Goodall's eight-yearold split Colcombe Castle and Rodden Brook at Wincanton and they upheld the form at Wolverhampton on Monday.

## **Smart Party Politics spoils** Pitman's chance of a double

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By Christopher Goolding

Party Politics, a former point-to-pointer, put in a display of high potential when beating Garrison Savannah by seven lengths in the Highfield Road Novices Chase at Warwick yesterday. Not since The Dikler has a horse come through the point-to-point ranks with so much

Party Politics obviously has some way to go before he reaches the exalted heights of The Dikler, successful in the 1973 Cheltenham Gold Cnp, but like The Dikier, Party Politics measures 18 hands.
"He is not in anything at the

"He is not in anything at the Cheltenham festival as we missed the entries," declared David Stoddart, the gelding's owner-breeder. "I have always thought a lot of him and he has incredible speed to win over two miles as well as these." miles as well as three."

Mrs Judy Gaselee, wife of the winning trainer, Nick, explained: "Nick only wants to give him just a couple more races and that will be it for the

Party Politics upset the chance of a double for Mrs.
Pitman's stable with Garrison Savannah, the well-backed 2-1

However, earlier in the afterzoon, the Mrs Pitman-trained Midnight Train put in some spectacular jumping which took him into the lead five fences from bome in the Sky Blue Handicap Chase, and from then on it was a question of how far he



Peter Scudamore: celebrated his 1,200th riding success

de Haan, as stable jockey Mark Pitman would have had to put up overweight, will now go to Cheltenham for the Cathcart

Cheltenham for the Cathcart Chasse.

After an exasperating sequence of refusals to start in three previous races, Pakka Major showed no signs of his previous reluctance. Racing up with the pace for two miles, the enignatic character looked to be enjoying himself until dropping out of contention in the final half mile to finish sixth.

David Stait, representing Mrs.

David Stait, representing Mrs. Pitman, had news of the Lambourn trainer's principal Cheltenham contenders: "Toby Tobias is in excellent form after his tumble at Newbury and goes atraight to Cheltenham for the Gold Cup. I can see him running a terrific race against Desert Orchid." State added: "Don Valeatino is on course for the Champion Hurdle and has come well."
With the inevitable television

camera crew in tow, Martin Pipe again provided a script to order then Run For Free galloped his rivals into the ground when coming home 20 lengths clear in the Coventry Trial Hurdle.

"The BBC are making a film
about me," Pipe ruefully remarked. "This is a nice horse
and I'd hoped at one time he

would make a chaser." Run For Free gave Peter Scudamore his 1,200th victory. "He thinks he is now after

Willie Shoemaker's all-time rid-ing record," declared Edward Gilliespie, the Warwick clerk of

Pipe, who was successful in the corresponding race last year with Sayfar's Lad who went on to win last season's Sun Alliance Hurdle at Cheltenham, will now send Run For Free for the same

Eastern Destiny repeated his course victory in the Town Of Warwick Hunters Trophy in the capable hands of Antony Grif-fith for his mother, Jill,

A fortnight ago on the Warwickshire course, the grey was ridden by Antony's brother, James. "They own the horse in partnership," explained Mrs Griffith. "Antony is a light-width backer, and they both weight jockey and they both manage to sort out impeccably whose turn it is to ride."

whose turn it is to rise."
However, Antony will be in
the suddle when Eastern Destiny goes for the Liverpool
Foxhunters.

### SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin 2.10 Irish Passage. 2.40 Bronze Cross. 3.10 Go Dutch. 3.40 Wellsy 1.ad. 4.10 Small Fee. 4.40 Logamimo.

Going: standard 2.10 GIRTON HANDICAP (E2,469: 1m) (13 runners) 2 3012 PAYVASHOOZ 9 (C.F.S) M British 5-9-11
3 1423 EVENING STAR 19 (V.CD) A Hids 4-9-9. J Williams 13
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5 030- ASBARS 84 (D.F) W Misson 5-8-2. M Wighen 1
6 00-6 SNAKE EYE 9 (G) J Whenton 5-8-11. M Wighen 9
7 5225 CONCERT PITCH 16 (D.F.Q.S) B Palling 11-8-7 Weldoy Town (7) 2 8 899- MY VALENTINE CARD 6J (V) S Norton 4-8-4 9 Q5-5 KING OF SALORS 5 R Thompson 5-7-7 ... 3 Wood (8) E 10 480- AGUANTED 115 M Sittesin 5-7-7 ... 5 Wood (8) E 11 00.0 YOUNG GERARD 9 M Chepman 5-7-7 ... F Noton (7) 4 2 -005 TARSTEAC 5 (B.Q.S) S Bowing 10-7-7 P Dalton (7) 11 3 80-0 NAFFLON 52 (V) R Pascock 5-7-7 ...... N Adens 10 2-1 bigh Decare 5-8

2-1 Irish Passage, 5-2 Evening Star, 4-1 Payveshooz, 8-1 Concert Pitch, 10-1 Asbasb, Hercle, 12-1 others. 2.40 MAPLEBECK CLAIMING STAKES (22,679: 7f)

2) 1 113- BLACK SABBATH 881 (D) A Smith (Bol) 5-9-4 \_\_J Collen (J) 1 2 1615 EMORZE CROSS & (CD,0) T Serror 5-5-10 3 88-4 ENSLEYS CHOICE 9 (F) K Bridgmeier 4-8-10 P D'Arcy 5 4 8- HIGH ON HIGH 97 C Austin 4-8-9 M Wighest 10 5 3232 GOTHIC FORD 5 (CD,F,S) C Tinder 6-8-8 B Reymond 14 5 050/ GRAND HARBOUR 16J (D.F.G) R Chempion 10-8-8

PERANG PERCY W Heatings-Base 4-5-7 

11-4 Brosse Cross, 3-1 Gothic Ford, 5-1 Perang Percy, Takdeer, 7-1 Recey Naskra, 10-1 Presage, 12-1 others. worth more than £1,000 for the lads or girls in charge of the successful horses in the £35,000 Greenall Whitley Chase at Haydock on Saturday week. The prizes include a weekend break for two

to the lad or girl in charge of the winner and £200 cash to the winning stable.

3.10 NEW HOUGHTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,217: 7f) (4)

1 235- OD DUTCH 128 C Nelson 9-0 N Adams 1 2 446 LADY GRENVILLE 7 M Usher 9-9 N Mershall 4 3 3-22 LURIGNG 21 (RF) W Hastings-Bass 8-9 Chara McKeeper 3 MISS BEA A Beiley 5-9 S Whiterest 4-5 Luridng, 9-4 Go Dutch, 4-1 Lady Grenville, Miss Bea.

3.40 HARDWICK HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,280: 7f) (5) 1 1211 WELLSY LAD 12 (CD) D Chepmen 9-7... S Wood (5) 5
2 0-31 SUPER ONE 7 (F-0) 1 Berron 9-5 (Fox)
Alex Generos (5) 2
3 4211 TELEGRAPH CALLORS, 5 (CD) M Shizin 8-10 (Fox)
S Making (7) 1
4 6-14 PSYCHO SOMMY 35 (CD,SF) C Alex 7-1... N Actions 3
15-8 Weltsy Lad, 3-1 Super One, 4-1 Telegraph Cellipti, hydro Sonny, 7-1 Lizzy Centle.

4.10 LAXTON HANDICAP (£2,553: 61) (16)

1 3423 FARMER JOCK 5 (BF,F) Mrs N Macaulay 8-10-0 2 -016 SARUM 16 (D.F.) C Witmen 4-9-5. N Advance 2 3 46-6 SHALL FEE 5 (S) M Britain 5-9-4...... 8 Misloney (7) 4 4 -008 AAJAJ 5 (D.F.(I) Ronald Thompson 5-9-5. 

J Culas (3) 11 16 0/0- EDGEWISE 229 (D,F,S) D Morris 7-7-8. F Morton (7) 13 5-2 Small Fee, 3-7 Farmer Jock, 9-2 Crail Herbour, Sarum, Chempion Girl, 10-1 Scotch Imp., 14-1 others. 4.40 KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD HANDICAP (£2.364:

1 /363 DOLLAR SEESCER 9 (B.F.S) A Bulley 6-10-0 2 940- COME TO TERMS 145 (D.F.) T Berron 4-9-4 Wildworth 3
3 940- LOGAMBIO 6J (B.D.F.G.) N Tindor 4-9-2 Non Tindor 5
4 -330 DRAG ARTIST 33 (S.S.) M British 5-9-1 5 Melcony (7) 6
5 00-3 RED JAM JAR 5 (D.G.) J Nickle 5-3-3 — J Calino (3) 2
6 05- COCUETA 37J (V.G.) E Alston 5-7-7 —— 3 Wood (6) 8
70- WORLDSPORTFLYER 37J M Chapman 4-7-7

F Norton (7) 8 54-8 LORD IT OVER 9 (5) M Chapman 7-7-7.... G Bardwell ( 7-4 Logamimo, 9-4 Red Jam Jer, 4-1 Dollar Seeks: 11-2 Come To Terms, 10-1 Drag Artist, 14-1 others.

Course specialists Alien, 3 from 16, 20.0%; C Tinder, 4 from 23, 17.4%; C Alien, 3 from 39, 12.8%; Mrs N Macauley, 4 from 36, 17.1%. (Only quelifiers). Quemers; JOCKEYS: Alox Groeves, 16 winners from 31 rides, 51.5%; B Raymond, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Waish, 3 from 21, 14.3%; S Wood, 8 from 58, 13.6%; Deen McKeown, 3 from 23, 13.0%; S Malcoay, 4 from 39, 10.3%.

## Results from vesterday's three meetings

M Bontey --M Richards --J Brown (7) --Pitzgurald (7) --M Brownen --G McCourt ---

Going: soft with heavy patches.

1.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, EASTERN DESTINY (Mr A Griffith, 2c); 2, Moor Scope (Miss J Barrow, 3-1; 2, True Bloom (Mr G Tarry, 6-4 fee), ALSO RAN: 11 Matchplay (4th), 25 Lady Westgate (pu), 33 Count Frederick (5th), 50 Director Press (f), 100 (table Stor (pu), Red Morgan (Bb), Rugestino (pu), Stor Shiner (ur), 11 ran, 25, 23, dist, 2, 10, Mrs J Griffith at Denbich, Tota: 23,30; E1,80, 21,20, 21,10. UF: 25,70, CSP: 29,80.

2.0 (2m 5 folds) 1, SOMEBODY (Mr G

25.70. CSP: 29.60.
2.0 (2m 5/ hole) 1, SOMEBODY (Mr G Upton, 15-1); 2, Telemeter Gem (R Dunwoody, 7-1); 3, Trise Spertan (Mr D Duggan, 7-2), ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Deven Prince (6th), 4 Knighten Lad (4th), 9 Deroly Minstrel (5th), 10 Lest Art (pu), Aresium, No Rensom, 11 ran. 11, 24, nt, 25, hd. J White at Wendover, Tota: 223.80; 24-30, 21-90, 21-50. DP: 251-70. CSP: 2110-58. Tricest: 2437-73.

Tricest: £437.73.

2.30 (2m ef chj 1, labbenGHT TRAM (8 de Haan, 15-8 fav); 2, likultura in Parve (N Williamson, 7-2); 3, Midnight Count (Peter Hobbs, 7-1); ALSO RAN: 7-2 Raise An Argument (4th), 11 Centra Attraction (5th), 14 Putda Major (5th), 20 Wiggburn (pu), 25 Radical Request (pu), 8 ran. NR: Only Trouble, 8; 28, 15, 71, 12, Mrs. J Planar at Upper Lambourn. Tota: £3.20; £1.40, £1.80, £1.80, £1.80, £1.80, £1.80.

3.9 (2m 5f hdle) 1, RUN FOR FREE (P Scusiamore, 5-2; 2, Hely Joe (A Webb, 25-1); 3, Preat (J Obborne, 5-1), ALSO HAN: 7-4 fav Kameo Style (Bth.), 11-2 Bur-goyne (5th), 10 Duntree (4th), 33 (assis Windows, 63 Beach Tiger, 8 rm. NT: File Concord. 20, 8, %4, 151, 6. M Plos at Wellington, Totac S3-10; £1.50, £2.20, £1.80, DF: £24.70, CSF: £46.55. 3.30 (Sm 1f ch) 1, PARTY POLITICS (A Adams, 25-1); 2, Genteon Savemash (M Pitman, 2-1 favg 3, Pisoslah Padge (J Dug-gan, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 3 Kright Oil (f), 100-30 Last House (4th), 8 High Ham Blues (pu), 14 Conscale pu), 18 Bold Lament (pu), 100 Endostown Led (pu), 9 ran. 7, diss, 15. N Gaseleo at Upper Lambourn. Toke 257,10; 23.50, 21.50, 24.90, DF: 225.50, CSF: 270.22.

4.9 (2m hdie) 1, GANCON (M Richards, 8-1); 2, Wander Bee (B Powell, 25-1); 3, Sweet City (L O'Hers, 14-1); 4, Smeet Performer (6 McCourt, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 5 fav Sherwood Gunner (6th), 11-2 Foulita, Red Hacide, 8 Ve Lurs, 10 Boot Bussion (9), 12 Run High, 16 Thus Gold (pu), Capulet, 20 Take issue (6th), Gurteen Boy (pu), Versatile, 33 Gold Tint (pu), 65 Fermando. 17 rat. 11, %1, 61, 51, 32, 91, Pedger at Chichester, Toke 212, 55; 23, 62, 53, 62, 50, 52, 24, 0, 57: 2153,50, CSF: £180,75, Tricmet: 22,537,09.

A.50 (2m inde) 1. STAY AWAIKE (R Supple, 10-1); 2. Steepline Reyale (N Mann, 6-4 fevt; 3. Crown and Home (B Powel, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Duzz, 10 M I Babe (6th), Bizage Motors, 16 Norwich Casde (8th), Spinney Light (put, 20 Social Circle, 33 Indian Set, 100 Spenish Mou (refl., Jimstro (4th), King Linkerse, 13 ran, 3, 2%, 4, 2%, 4, 1, J O'Nelli st Penritti. Tota: £13.70; £3.20, £1.60, £1.30, DR: 214.70. CSR: 224.60. Tricest: £35.80. Placepot: £166.00

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Geing: good to soit

1.45 (2m hole) Kherif (J Cellughen, 9-2);
2. Rostherne (11-10 fev); 3, Angels Kiss (20-1), 12 ran. NR; Triple Top. 4, 101. R Alan. Tote: £5.60; £2.00, £1.10, £3.50. DF; £4.10. (SSF: 59.22)

2.15 (2m ch) 1, Famous Lad (B Dowling, £0-1); 2, Mr Therm (20-1); 3, Beau Guest (4-5 fev), 11 ran. 3; sh hd. R Lee. Tote: £7.50; £2.50, £2.70, £1.50. DF; £120.70. CSF: £308.56.

2.45 (2m hole) 1, Fleet Footsel (Fl Hodge, 8-1); 2, Big Chief (£5-1); 3, Principal (3-1 tav), 16 ran. 8, £41, Mr S Reveley, Tote: £3.30; £2.70, £9.20, £2.00. DF; £71.50. CSF: £17.57. 3.15 (3m 1f 80yd ch) 1, The Wilk (C Grant, 3-1); 2, See You There (3-2); 3, Nactical Joke (19-2), Pembrokenthra Lad 9-4 fav. 7 ran. 8i, 1%i, W A Sapphenson. Tota: 23.00; £2.40, £1.90, DF: £3.80, CSF: £15.40. \$15.40.

3.45 (2m hde) 1, Clippers Dream (B Dalton, 20-1); 2, Native Scot (7-4); Uncle Emie (11-8 tav). 15 ran. nk, %i. J. Jafferson. Tots: £14.10; £2.20, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £29.00. CSP: £52.70. After a stawards' inquiry, result stood.

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4.15 (2m) 1, Merejo (B Storey, 5-2); 2, Tectico (85-40 tay); 3, Ringmore (100-30) 6 ran. 1%, hd. F Wetton. Tota: 22.30; 22.20, 21.50. DF: 22.70. CSF: 27.71. A45 (2m fiat) 1, Medelhim (P. McCermot, 100-30; 2, Tommy Out (P. 1; 3, Smith's Cracker (11-10 fav). 19 rsn. NR: Motherhood, Rooney. 31, 2%L C. Broad. Tote: £4.40; £1.20, £4.50, £1.50. DF: £22.90, (SF: £52.38.

## Southwell

2.10 (2m hdie) 1, Seitak (Gary Lyons, 2-5 fev); 2, Diensyland (2-1); 3, Cucktoo in The Nest (33-1), 3 ran. 2½, dist. R Holling-head. Totac: 21.30, DF: 21.10, CSF: 21.48. heed. Toist 21.50. DP: 21.10. CSF: £1.48. 2.40 (2m hdle) 1, Colombiere (S Youlden, 9-2; 2, Liec Time (14-1); 3, Up The Ladder (13-8 tay). 14 ran. 11, 21. G Moore. Tota: £3.50; £2.50, £1.70, £1.70. DP: £20.00. CSP: £55.08. 220.00. CSF: 255.03.
3.10 (2m hdls) 1, Vallent Roy (Gary Lyons, 5-4 fary: 2, Mister Lawson (2-1); 3, Bartey Mow (10-1), 12 ran. 104, 251, 53 (Addiswed Tota: E3.00: £1.50, £1.40, £1.40, DF: £3.20. CSF: £4.57. 3.40 (2m 21 hde) 1, Northern Line (Mr R Neylon, 14-1); 2, Poliow The Drum (2-5 fer); 3, Culleann (10-1), 12 ram, 25, 174, M Grassick, Tota: 25-20; 54.60, £1.10, £3.00, DF: 238.20, CSF: £22.25. 23.00. DP: 228.20. CSF: E22.25.
4.10 (3m hole) 1, Ringdisher Bay (C Evans, 3-1); 2, Change The Name (7-4 fav); 3, Ocsan Roque (10-1), 5 ran. NR-Larve II to Bally, 4, 2, 8 Palling, Tota: 24.20; 22.50, 22.30. DP: 23.60. CSF: 29.50. Thouse: 24.48.
4.40 (2m 4f hole) 1, Wavesley Boy (J. J. Calm, 8-1); 2, Kentworth Castie (8-1 fav); 3, Dreadnought (20-1), 12 ran. 21, 101, J. Walmwright. Tota: 215.00; 23.10, 21.80, 23.40. DF: 217.70. CSF: 238.64. Tricast: 24.56.21. Placepot: 27.20

The meeting at Worcester next Wednesday has been aban-doned because of flooding and the course now faces a fight to stage its next fixture on March 21.

### Guide to our in-line racecard

Racecard number. Stx-figure form (F - tell. distance winner. BF - beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won down. S - slipped up. R - refused. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outling: F if flat. (B - blinkers. V - visor. H - hood. E - Byeshield. C - course winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and Handissper's rating. Going: soft, hurdles course heavy patches 1.15 TENTERDEN MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE (Div I: £1,475; 2m 4f) (10 runners) P Hicksten (7)

BETTENG: 13-8 Random Time, 7-2 Bonnie Sele, 11-2 Record Trout, 13-2 Didisselt, 10-1 others. 1999: CARL'S CHOICE B-12-0 G Cooper (11-10 fav) G Cooper 16 ran 1.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,110: 2m 100yd) (10 numers) 208-014 TENERITE 28 (CD.RF,S) (S Lawson) J (Siford 8-11-5...
C-AKRASH VALLEY 308 (J Hollowsk) Mrs.J Pitman 6-11-0...
CATCHAPRINY (C COurage) M Wildinson 5-11-0...
348-8 CLEVER DICK 36 (Mrs.P Donkin) D Grissell 6-11-0...
8F. DUDLEY 301 (Queen Etzabeth) F Wishnyn 7-11-0...
O JOKER JACK 34 (R Townsent) R Townsend 5-11-0...
P JUST A BOOZER 17 (Mrs.A Piper) D Grissell 6-11-0...
P PARSONIFY 318 (M Haistead) G Enright 6-11-0...
B PAYLING 22 (S Sainsbury) T Forster 6-11-0...
CELTIC SERF 358 (T Nixon) T Forster 6-10-9...
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D Gallagher —
C Llewellyn —
H Davise 71
K Mooney — Mr P Toemsend P Colline (7) SETTING: 15-8 Teniente, 9-4 Akrash Valley, 4-1 Clever Dick, 9-2 Catchapenny, 14-1 others.

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63P-450 ANOTHER TROUP 29 (R Townsend) R Townsend 8-41/00-F COMANDANTE 58 (G,S) (M Pinto) J Gifford 8-11-1... — 0 19 — 0 19 — 19 — 19 M Perset — 19 Morphy — 19 Moore — 19 Morphy — 19 Morphy 68 2 41/00-F COMARDANTE 58 (G.S) (Al Pine) J Gifford 8-11-1
3 0 DUMFRITES 16 (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 10-11-1
4 05-0004 FINAL ALMA 6 (B.F.S) (Airs P Issaes) P Allichell 7-11-1
5 40-503P HAWTHORN JACKS 22 (M Johnston) G Ripley 10-11-1
6 3120-48 HIGHLAND TREAT 38 (F.G.S) (R Thempson) J Edwards 6-11-1
7 55/800 LITTLEGODO GARBLER 22 (B) (Airs S Grescheed) T Greatheed 7-11-1 Mir J
8 2F05UP POWER PURCH 5 (A Manson) W Kamp 6-11-1
10 00-953F ROCKY PT 9 (Airs P Sulfiver) J Redmond 9-11-1
11 03F-F0P TERRY JO 6 (Mes J Moorey) R Hoad 6-11-1
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128S: SIR PERDO 8-11-1 Mir S Andrews (10-1) Mirs E Andrews 9 ran 2.45 GERALD GLOVER STAYERS NOVICES HURDLE (23,288: 2m 6f) (7 runners) M Perrett © 95

J Reliton (3) 95

K Nooney 80

I Listence (3) 85

D Marphy 97

S Woods (3) 82 3.15 'GAY RECORD' CHALL'ENGE TROPHY HANDICAP (\$2,924: 3m 2f) (7 runners) 5 104/104 BLIE DARI 2 (LACS) (IT PERIOD) CAR 17-05-104 (1-12-05) ( BETTING: 2-1 Carriord Palm, 9-4 Blue Dart, 5-1 Fib., 13-2 Sneakspanny, 12-1 others.

1989: WOODQATE 8-11-5 C Llewellyn (7-4) T Forster 6 ran 3.45 TENTERDEN MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE (Div II: £1,462: 2m 4f) (9 runners) JTrice-Noigh --JWmthell (5) --F Goodell (7) --N Hecking (7) --F French (7) --N Hickory (7) ---

100/5-BEQ DECISION 286 (Mrs A Taylor) Mrs A Taylor 7-12-7
PEXCLUDER 9 (D Mills) D Mills 11-12-7
45/2 CHVE ME A BREAK 14 (R Goodsil) Robert Goodsil 9-12-7
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APO4/ RI THE IONOW 646 (D Curtis) D Curtis 7-12-7
OADGERST LAD (R Trigg) R Trigg 9-12-7
F/B- OWNERS VISION 289 (Mrs T Betts) Mrs T Betts 10-12-7
SHERMAN WAY (J HICKTRAIN J HICKTRAIN 8-12-7
P/ THE EQUIALIZER 633 (M Roberts) M Roberts 9-12-7
90- WHERL TAPPER 316 (H Nutsby) H Hutsby 6-12-7 BETTING: 4-6 Give Me A Break, 5-1 Big Decision, 6-1 Caldhurst Lad, 10-1 Sherman Way, 12-1 others. 4.15 HYTHE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,618: 2m 100yd) (11 runners) 4.15 HYTHE NOVICES MANDICAP MURULE (£1,618: 2m 100yd) (11 runners)

1 0.33472 LE CHAT NORA 22 (Lady Harmsworth-Blunt) D Grissell 7-12-0 Homine

2 144 TELT TECH PLYER 30 (CD.5) (P Do Weck) R Attohurst 5-11-9 J Leoch (5)

3 001 NORTHERN ALLANCE 24 (D.5) (D Thomas) A Moore 6-10-12 J Clastic (7)

4 83-260 SRAVE SETANTA 37 (S) (Africa J Mensies) F O'Nathony 5-10-11 MI Classes

5 3260 SRAVE SETANTA 37 (S) (Africa J Mensies) F O'Nathony 5-10-11 MI Classes

4 326F LEGAL TRA 7 (S Walker) S Dow 5-10-9 A Dicken (7)

6 446 PINAL SOURD 29 (V) (J-Tec Shoes Ltd) P Febtoes 5-10-9 S Keightley

7 5/30-3 CURET RIOT 37 (Africa Gentles) J White 8-10-6 MR Reche (7)

8 0-2003 PEARLESS FIGHTER 17 (T Corcoran) G Enright 5-10-0 MP Permit (8)

9 00-0028 NRSS FERN 14 (Phipps, Belley, Dusne & Co) R Dickin 5-10-0 M Puriong

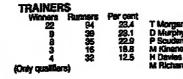
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11 8-05007 CASTLE JESTER 14 (Afric C Ellott) J Ellott 5-10-0 Mortgage 8-13, Castle Jester 8-10.

BETTING: 2-1 Tit Tech Flyer, 3-1 Northern Allance, 11-2 Le Chet Noir, 13-2 Quiet Riot, 12-1 othere. ... N Perrett # 99 BETTING: 2-1 Tit Tech Piyer, 3-1 Northern Allience, 11-2 Le Chet Noir, 13-2 Quiet Riot, 12-1 othere. 1989: GO WEST 5-11-1 P Scudemore (6-4 fav) M Pipe 8 ran

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## Munro names same squad but calls for further fine tuning

SCOTLAND TEAM the French, and the fact that Scotland have, as expected, named an unchanged team to play Wales in Cardiff a week on Saturday, but yesterday at Murrayfield, Bob Munro, the chairman of selectors, said: We were not 100 per cent happy about every position. At the selection meeting, we discussed each position in detail, taking into consideration the observations of the

These would appear to be mind the players of what they have to do.

ognize the high standard of

tough comments about a side changes of personnel could be which achieved a record win made to the side, with the over the French at present shortage of resources, Murrayfield, but Munro said: save for the back row. But all "We were simply not firing on of the breakaway trio imall cylinders. There will be a proved markedly from their lot of work to do at Sunday's outing against Ireland and practice; the coaches will re- none seem in any danger of losing their place. Clearly, what has worried the selectors "We will go to Wales as was the inability of the Scots favourites. They have had to score more than three

recent problems but we rec- points in the first half, when **SRU** looking into ticket profiteering

Scottish Rugby Union of their tickets and the names of well in excess of face value, and ing certain affiliated clubs (Alan Lorimer writes).

Yesterday at Murrayfield, Bill Hogg, the SRU secretary, said: We have some of the numbers of tickets which were being sold by touts outside Murrayfield last Saturday. Touting is not an offence but the police were able to make several arrests for the mmediate area of the turnstiles. by the police and the numbers of the tickets which they were exhibiting for sale were obtained and passed on to us."

The SRU also put an advertisement in the official programme, appealing to spec-tators who had obtained tickets from "pirate hospitality operators" or touts, to name the sources of supply. "So far, the response has been remarkably Cardiff has been sold for the good." Hogg said. "Quite a Wales v Scotland match on number of people have already March 3, at which the total contacted us with the numbers crowd is expected to be 53,000.

Watching Saturday's inter-national at Murrayfield was the vice-president of the Romanian

leration, Viorel Moraru, in

Edinburgh as a guest of the Scottish Rugby Union, Moraru

managed four Romanian tours to the British Isles, including Scotland in 1981, and is himself

"Romanian rugby players," he said, "face the same diffi-

lities as the whole population.

These are economic problems.

But even before the revolution

we received little help from the government. Rugby was not the

Moraru is hoping to receive

some aid from the international

rugby community to stimulate the sport in Romania. "We have

not got good equipment like scrummaging machines and our

Cardiff go into their Schweppes

Cup quarter-final tie against the

holders. Neath, at The Gnoll on

Saturday without Tim Crothers,

the captain and the man whose try helped them to beat Llanelli

in the last round, who is injured. It leaves Mark Ring to lead the

side, while wing Damion Grif-

fiths finds himself replaced by

FRANCE

won 40 caps.

a distinguished player, having would make contact with

scrummaging machines and our players have to make do with football boots. That's all right for the backs but not for the forwards. We need to attract Gosery inneed to be securitate, will cause problems, says Moraru, as will the army teams like Steaus Bucharest. "They were of the Soviet model," said Moraru. "There will be changes

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their club rugby."

It is difficult to see what

more than the face value. "But once these tickets are distrib-

uted to the clubs, it is very

difficult to trace them thereafter," Hogg said. "We have to

rely mainly on the efficiency of the clubs to keep a note of the

By Alan Lorimer

of freedom there are perhaps

some players who want to play abroad in Italy or France."

One such is Cristian Raducanu who left Romania in

Raducanu, Moraru said: "I hope

to meet him and when I do I shall tell him that we will be

happy to see him play for Romenia again. If he is in good shape we would want him to

play and be part of our World Cup squad. Romania lost five

international players in the revolution which also left two

Raducanu's former club, Dinamo Bucharest which was

closely linked to the Securitate

Crothers to miss Cup tie at Neath

tional terracing at the Beston ground to cater for the 2,000 Gloucester supporters expected to travel to the Pilkington Cup

quarter-final between the clubs on Saturday. The East Midlands

club have sent 600 extra tickets to Gloucester after their alloca-

tion of 1,400 was quickly snapped up.

SNOW REPORTS

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others seriously injured.

still an amateur game. "Gavin's firm, Richard Elis, who are sponsoring the tournament, wrote to us several weeks ago and informed the vendors."

The SRU is considering "stamping" each ticket with the name of the club to which it was allocated, in an effort to trace those who are making vast profits by responding to the high number of advertisements requesting tickets at many times more than the focus wine "But us of the situation. The selection committee recognizes the goodwill of employers in giv-ing players time off. We had no option but to let him go."

scored after the departure of

Alain Carminati, the flanker.

It is more a matter of finely

tuning the existing engine than

rushing in replacement parts.

John Jeffrey, the victim of Carminati's imprudent stamping, has been listed by his club, Kelso, for this Sat-

urday's league match against Ayr, and Derek White, who

suffered a slight ankle injury, has also been pronounced

fully fit. Missing, however,

from Sunday's squad session will be Gavin Hastings, the British Isles full back, who will

be playing in the Singapore

No doubt mindful of John

Rutherford's unhappy experi-ence in Bermuda, which re-

sulted in the premature ending of his rugby career, Munro

said: "We would rather be was here but there is no way we

would dictate to any player what he should do; rugby is

sevens tournament.

Were history to repeat itself and Hastings return injured, Scotland would be bardpressed to find a replacement full back. Peter Dods would step into the team, but below him, there are really no players who have experience at this level. So while the selec-Hogg confessed to being "horrified" by some of the prices (as much as £1,000) being obtained for tickets on the black market for the Calcutta match at tors have not publicly objected to Hastings' trip to Singapore, they must be privately concerned about the risk of injury to one of their key players.

Murrayfield on March 17. "It is enturely out of proportion for a game of rugby," he said. Meanwhile, all of Scotland's "Flower of Scotland" will again be played at Cardiff, and this will be the second allocation of 4,800 tickets for successive year that the Princess Royal will attend the

Romanians seek a stimulus

they still have international

commitments against Italy on

April 14, France on May 24 and

the World Cup qualifying tour-nament against Italy, Spain and the Netherlands.

the return of five players for Saturday's Pilkington Cup quar-

ter-final at home to Leicester.

They welcome back Tim Rodber, the England B no. 8, Frank Packman, the England B

wing, and the English students full back, Ian Hunter, the

hooker Duncan Frankland and the lock, Colin Hall.

young people into the sport and make it attractive for the older players. Now in the new climate in such clubs but it will be a slow process. Elsewhere many of our clubs have been connected with privatised in the future. In that case there may be some un-certainty." Of the new freedom in Romarevolution we had to get per-mission to play abroad or to invite incoming teams. It was always embarrassing for us that

there was so much security. Files were always kept on tour-ing sides. Now that the red tape Bristol with the aid of several colleagues who drove him over the line. The winners' final score has gone we hope that many countries will visit us. I am sure was a pushover try touched down by Saverimutto. also that there will be more contact with foreign clubs es-But the best try of the match was still to come. A spectacular movement launched from Brispecially British and French. Romania's tour to New Zea-land has had to be cancelled but

> verted to give a more acceptable look to the scoreline but the issue had already been decided. In the other semi-final Leeds Poly missed too many first half penalties for comfort but seemed to have the game in their grasp with only minutes to go. They led 9-6, before Plymouth's Duggan squeezed in at the corner to nudge his side

SCORERS: Sawflield: Tries: Saverimutio (2), Davies. Conventions: Gregory (2). Pennity goes Gregory. Betasic Try: De Maid. Pennity goes: Hibbert (2). Convention: Hibbert. South West: Try: Duggan. Pennity goals: Sactiman (2). Leeds: Try: Choules. Convention: Higham.



## Plymouth pass test

By Michael Stevenson

West, from Plymouth, and Shef-field reached the final of the Polytechnics Cup on adjacent pitches at Sutton Coldfield yespitches at Sution Coldineld yes-terday. Plymouth beat Leeds 10-9 and Sheffield's power and expertise was too much for Bristol, who lost 19-12. The final will also be played at Sution Coldfield, on March 7. Bristol scored a goal and two penalties to two goals, a try and a penalty but the game was virtually decided at the interval, when Bristol had to face the

Hibbert's first penalty chance for Bristol struck a post and rebounded out to his right wing. Graham Norton, who knocked on with the line at his mercy; Sheffield scored first with Gregory's penalty during a period of intense pressure on the Bristol

Gregory missed a snap dropped goal attempt and Hibbert relieved the pressure with a long touch kick, his penalty levelling before he failed with another penalty chance. Sheffield pulled away in the second half, when the ball firsted out of a lineout deep in Bristol territory. Cassell picked up and linked with his back row; Mills drove to the line and Saverimutto dived over for

Gregory to convert.

Davies, Sheffield's bustling lock, rounded off the third wave of intense attack on beleaguered

tol's own line and spearheaded by Colin Norton, was swept down field for a try by scrum half, De Maid. Hibbert con-

at half back as they proved better in the scrum than the Welsh after overcoming a seven-point deficit and the conhome by a single point. cession of the game's first six penalties when playing with the This turn-round had no logical explanation except that the Welsh took a sabbatical, fol-

## Sheffield, Loughborough taken to the brink of defeat by Cardiff

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Loughborough. Cardiff .....

Loughborough will return to Twickenham on March 14 to defend their Universities Ath-letic Union title against Swansea for the third year running. But they were less than a minute from losing yesterday, when a gallant Cardiff side took them to extra time in the delayed semifinal at Stourbridge, only to lose by a try, two penalty goals and a dropped goal to a try and two

It was heart-breaking for Cardiff who, since their merger last year with UWIST, have performed so well in the Commercial Union championship. In a largely barren game in which they played the more inventive footbil, they held the holders at all points in the first 80 minutes and held the lead for the final

and held the lead for the hnal quarter when Lloyd Davies kicked his second penalty.

The game had entered the second minute of injury time when Longhborough forced a midfield scrum on Cardiff's 22 after a Welsh forward ran in front of the kicker at a drop-out.

boot saddened at the sterility of their game. There was no dynamism anywhere, the forwards mauled in a largely aimless manner and the backs looked in the sterility of their game. There was no dynamism anywhere, the forwards mauled in a largely aimless manner and the backs looked in the sterility of their game. There was no dynamism anywhere, the forwards mauled in a largely aimless mauner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the second minute of injury time manner and the backs looked in the seco

By Michael Austin

Leighton Davies, the Welsh Colleges mentor, paid tribute to the remarkable display by Eng-

lish Colleges at Cheltenham yesterday. Two hammerings by

England in a week is something I cannot handle," he said.
Unlike England's 34-6 win at

Twickenham on Saturday, this victory was achieved with the

assistance of several Weishmen including Subbiani, a slender wing from Tenby, whose in-tricate running brought two

tries.
The essence of the English

ccess was in the forwards and

English Colleges .....

Welsh Colleges .....

It was a hugely expensive mistake, Locke, the Cardiff hooker, heeled against the head, but his front row was penalised for taking the scrum down and the left-footed Frost, who had missed four penalty attempts and a conversion on an after-noon of dire place-kicking, kicked the goal which levelled the scores.

The whistle which signified two 10-minute periods of extra time went immediately, and if Loughborough deserved to reach the final at all, it was because they had the fitness to dominate both those periods. Lloyd Davies was wide with a penalty attempt, but otherwise Cardiff were forced into constant defence. It was in holding another charge by Taylor, the Loughborough captain, that the unfortunate Butt fell offside,

giving Frost the chance to kick the winning points.

But distinguished graduates of Loughborough would have been saddened at the sterility of

English forwards take credit

Hamilton and Rabczak were

prodigious partners at lock for-ward with their performance in

the loose even more impressive

The Welsh missed too many

From expecting a prosperous

lead when turning with the wind behind them. Wales suddenly

needed to climinate a 17-point

deficit, which proved beyond even the capabilities of a side

including 13 players from South Glamorgan Institute.

Last year, the Welsh won the

corresponding match 26-9 at Cyncoed in a rain-swept match shortened by 10 minutes

because of atrocious conditions.

affiliated to the British Colleges

organization, the English bene-

fited from three newcomers studying at such establishments.

ncluding Caldwell, whose

jinking run to the posts, together with a conversion by Thomas

edged them ahead for the first

With agricultural institutions

tackles and the game's outcome was effectively settled as the English barvested 24 points in

than their lineout qualities.

23 minutes

advantage, until extra time, and Dyer and John Evans frequently found gaps through which to

The score was level at 4-4 at the end of a first half in which Cardiff had enjoyed the advantage of a strong wind. Miles scored Loughborough's try be-hind a five-metre scrum which Peters controlled well, but Cardiff responded when Dyer picked up and went to the blindpicked up and went to the blindside of a scrum where Wyn
Evans, faced with a yawning
gap, sent Anderson to the line.
Frost's dropped goal was cancelled by Lloyd Davies's first
penalty, and his second took
Cardiff to the threshold of the
slightly ironic situation of two
Welsh sides contesting a final at
Twickenham.

could well lose one or two places in the overall standings.
LEADING POSITIONIS (compiled at 14:03 GMT yesterday with miles to Punts det Este: Migot division: 1, Staintager 2 (P. Biste, N.21, 1,385 miles; 2, Fisher & Payinsi (G. Dalton, N.2), 1,412; 3, Rothware (f. Smith, GS), 1,425; 4, Charles Jourden (A. Gabbay, Fr.), 1,425; 5, USF Finterd (I. Ingvell, Fin), 1,425; 7 Merit (F. Fertament, Switz), 1,590; 8, Baimont, Finkand (H. Hardine, Fri), 1,590; 9, NCS Nelson (J. English, Iru), 1,882; 10, The Card, (R. Nison, Swe), 1,885; 11, Facial (S. Novak, USSR), 1,885; 12, Gatorade (G. Fect.; 6), 1,096; 13, Sentpucts Griter Datender (Cor C. Wattler, GB), 1,755; 14, Fortura (J. Sarana, Sp., 1,798; 15, Liverpool Enterprise (B Sermon, GB), 1,943, Nission 2; 1, Equity & Law (D. Neste, Nest), 2,115. SCORERS: Loughborough University:
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goals: Frost. Cardiff University: Try:
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Billington; R Frost. P Miles; G Baldwin, J
Hudson, R Warsham, J Hastings, J
Sweetman, D Lones, G Taylor, E Peters.
CARDIFF UNIVERSITY: L Davies; B
Anderson, P Hope, J Connolly, A Cavles;
K Price, W Evens; J Mainwaring, J Locke,
A Cartmel, D Duly, J Brown, J Evens, S
Butt (rep; J Howorth), P Dyer.
Raferner, A Savage (North Midsinds).

Six tries to one fully reflected

the pattern of a game involving 31 penalties, 17 of them to the English, and the emphatic win-

ning margin owed much to

Thomas landing his five kicks to

cheat a capricious wind.

Appleson, a former

Headingley full back, possessed
an accurate left foot and also ran

SCORERS: English Colleges: Trice: Subbrani (2), Hemitton (2), Appleson, Caldwell, Conventors: Tricmas (2), Appleson, Penatry goals: Thomas (3), Appleson. Wests Colleges: Try: Manky

strongly.

## **TENNIS**

## Gavaldon earns her first pay

YACHTING

lead picks

up round

the Horn

By Barry Pickthall

Steinlager 2, the New Zealand ketch skippered by Peter Blake, was first among the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet to

Round the World water leet to reach Cape Horn yesterday. The 84th pacesetter, which has won each of the three earlier stages in this 33,000-mile marathon,

11.30 GMT, 18 miles ahead of her rival New Zealand entry, Fisher & Paykel.

Four and a half hours later, Alain Gabbay's French challenger, Charles Jourdan, hove into sight, three miles ahead of Britain's leading entry, Rothmans, skippered by Lawne Smith. The two sloops have closed up considerably on their leading New Zealand rivals during the previous 24 hours, and if the weather remains unpredictable, could well pull back the remaining 60-mile

back the remaining 60-mile deficit over the 1,200 tactically testing miles that remain before the fleet reaches Punta del Este

the fleet reaches Punta del Este early next week.

The previous night, the race organizers faced an alert after the signal from Fisher & Paykel's automatic distress beacon was picked up by satelline. The duty officer at Portsmouth managed to contact Pierre Fehlmann, skipper of Merit, the duty radio yacht, who then checked with Dalton's crew that all was well. This is one of

all was well. This is one of several false alarms raised dur-

ing the race. In some instances, the beacons have been washed overboard, but on others such as Rothmans, the mercury switch-

ing within the beacons has been set off when the yachts have

broached violently.

Radio atmospherics proved

so bad yesterday that it was not possible for the leading yachts to

reach the outside world. The only message came in the form of a telex from Charles Jourdan

which reported 20-knot westerly

winds, an air temperature of

12°C and said that both she and

Rothmans were racing under spinnakers at 13 to 14 knots.

Merit, which began this leg of the race in second place overall, 14 hours behind Steinlager on

elapsed time, dropped to sev-enth place overnight, 200 miles behind the leading ketch and

could well lose one or two places

rounded the infamous Cape at 11.30 GMT, 18 miles ahead of

Battle for 4

From Barry Wood Oklahoma

Angelica Gavaldon, the schoolgirl who came from nowhere to reach the quarter-finals of the Australian Open, has reconsidered her status and turned

Her first cheque came with a 6-3, 7-6 defeat of Betsy Nagelsen, who, at aged 33, is old enough to be her mother, in the first round of the Virginia Slims She has a decent forehand,

often hit one-handed, which is unusual in one so young but Nagelsen looked the bener player, and had she converted any of the four set points she held, she might have won. Results, page 47

Appleson: Penalty goals: Thomas (3), Appleson: Weish Colleges: Try: Namiley Penalty goal: Moore.

EMGLISH COLLEGES: M Appleson (West London Inst), R Subblant (SI Paul and St Mary, Cheltenam), S Resed (West London Inst), A Catchwall, S Thomasta (SI Paul and SI Mary), R Nesnosideell (Royal Agricultural Coll. Cirencester); A Ferguson (Dorsel Inst), 17 Beddow, D Winkins (SI Paul and SI Mary), 18 Teachdow, D Winkins (SI Paul and SI Mary), 18 Teachdow, D Winkins (SI Paul and SI Mary), 18 Teachdow, D Winkins (SI Paul and SI Mary), C Williams, N Dawes (West London Inst), WELSH COLLEGER: D Misicolist: D Misseley, L Moore, G Levis (rep: A Roseer,) P Joone: G Pritchard, R Evans; J Luke, J Humphreys, A Beeching (South Glamorgan Institute), A Evans (West Glamorgan Institute), Thillips, E Jones (South Glamorgan Institute). BOWLS

Overseas competitors

dominate world titles

## Positive Foulds shrugs off blues

lowed by early retirement.

SNOOKER

By Steve Acteson

Neal Foulds began last season ranked third in the world, this season ranked twentieth, and on the updated standings for the next one is down to 26th. But with the pressure of expectation removed from his shoulders Foulds, aged 26, says he is actually enjoying his snooker now more than ever before.

Foulds was precipitated into his decline by the break-up of his marriage and temporary ill health. Last summer he contin-ually told his father, Geoff, a fellow professional, that he was going to retire and asked his manager. Barry Hearn, to pull manager, Barry Hearn, to pull him out of the qualifying rounds for the overseas ranking events. a request that met with a "don't be stupid" from Hearn and the replacement of the telephone

Such negative thoughts have now been totally banished even

POOTBALL

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though Foulds has been on the wrong end of a series of close-fought matches this season and he was in marvellous form yesterday at the Pearl Assurance yesterday at the Pearl Assurance British Open in Derby, beating Ian Graham 5-2, to reach the last 32 of an event in which he was runner-up in 1987. Foulds opened with a break of

107 and although Graham held on to 2-2, Foulds ran riot in the next three frames with breaks of 83, 59, and 60.

"I can't really say what changed my attitude again last summer but I do know I'm enjoying the game more than ever now and although it's still life or death when I'm playing a match I don't feel like that the rest of the time any more.

"I've still a lot to prove but I feel I'll be a better player in the end for all my ups and downs."

Dennis Taylor, the former world champion, has failed to qualify for the European Open and thus needs a haul of ranking points from this event in the world championship to save his place in the top 10. He earned one yesterday with

a 5-1 victory over Danny Fowler, finishing strongly with breaks of 60, 56, 37, 54 and 42 but, self admittedly, was lucky not to fall 2-0 behind Fowler having played a straight forward safety shot on the green in the second frame and somehow cannoning in the black allowing Taylor to clear up and win by

RESULTS: Third round (England unless stated): J Johnson w/o J Wych (Can), scr. N Foulds bi I Graham, 5-2. D Taylor (N Ire) bi D Fowler, 5-1; P Francisco (SA) bi Dvd Taylor. 5-4. Tuesday's late results: S James br W Oliver, 5-1; J Watturn (Thal) bi D O'Kane (NZ), 5-1; S Davis bi K Stevens (Can), 5-2. A Robidoux (Can) bt E Charrion (Aus), 5-3.

TODAY'S FIXTURES Men's semi-final of the Cup Winners' Cup. Screensport: 10.30-midnight. Action from America.

pepert: 1.0pm-3.0pm CYCLING: Eurosport: 11.0-modey. The Commowwelth Classic from Australia. PENCINC: Screensport: 9.0-10.0sm. The Martini championships from Paris. FOOTBALL: Screensport 4.0-6.0pm Ma-legs v Real Medrd: Screensport 7.30-9.15pm. Action from Argentine. Eurosport 9.0-11.0sm.

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Screensport: 6,0-7,30pm. Wigen Selford. SRING: Eurosport: 5.0-6.0pm. The Man's 30km and Women's 10km from Italy.

SIG JUMPING: Screensport: 12.45-2.45pm. The Botherisa World Cup from Czechosiowskie SNOOKER: Eurosport 4.0-5.0pm. The Benson and Hedges Massers. SPEEDSKATING: Eurosport: midday-1.0pm. The Men's World championship TENNIS: Eurosport: 10.0pm-1.0am. The Indoor Classic from Statigart.

Rowan Brassey, from New Zea-

land, in the second round. McMahon, aged 20, boosted by his success at the Common-wealth Games in Auckland, where he won the silver medal beat David Corkill, of Ireland, the No. 3 seed. Bransky, who reached the final of this event in 1985, beat Bryan Kingdon, of Wales, the British champion and No. 14 seed.

Corkill's free spirit was curtailed not only by McMahon's fine play but by the unpopular new rule that keeps players at the mat end of the rink. "I felt like a robot," Corkill said. "All the spontagety held to be the spirit of the spontagety with the spontagety the spontagety and the spontagety with the spontagety the spontagety the spontagety the spirit of the spontagety the spirit of the s the spontaneity has been taken

Two overseas players, Mark McMahon, of Hong Kong, and Cecil Bransky, of Israel, defeated seeded players at the £117,000 Embassy world indoor championships in the Preston Guild Hall yesterday (David Rhys Jones). The pair join lan Schuback, of Australia, and Rowan Brassey, from New Zea. Having scored a full house on the first end, McMahon dropped seven shots in succes-sion and lost the first set 4-7. A similar sorry spell saw him lose the fourth set 7-0. Bransky made a slow start

against Kingdon, who played as though keen to send a message to the Welsh selectors, who have inexplicably left him out of their 32-man squad. After winning the first two sets, however, Kingdon allowed the Israeli back into the match. When the attacking game, he suffered several unfortunate rubs of the

RESILTS: First roand: M McMahon (HQ hr O Corichili (re), 4-7, 7-1, 7-5, 0-7, 7-2; C Bransky (tar) hr B Kingdon (Wales), 5-7, 3-7, 7-6, 7-5, 7-1; I Schubeck (Aus) bit J Baker (ing), 7-0, 7-6, 7-2; R Brassey (NZ) bt N McGhee (Scoq, 7-1, 7-1, 7-5,

BIATHLON

## **Brew changes sports**

The inaugural British national winter series ends on Sunday at RAF Cosford when qualifiers and guests will take part in an endurance event comprising a run of 4.4 miles, a 21-mile cycle race and a final 4.4 mile run (a Special Correspondent writes). There have been eight qualify-ing races in the last four months from which the favourite has

emerged as Steve Mead, from Abingdon, who has won all three of the races in which he has competed. Jenny Webb, from Kingston, is expected to take the women's title. Among the guest competitors will be the professional cyclist Paul Watson, a former cyclocross champion, and Olympic swimmer Robin Brew.

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Aceach Mor: snow level, 1,500t; vertical runs, 1,000t; vertical runs, 2,000t; vertical runs, 2,0

Access roads area closed Tuesday and Wednesday.
Formouse Access day with a lot of low cloud and nill fog about For parts of the day it will be dry but there will be outbreake of rain from tions to three, not much sign of snow though, with the freezing level well above the summits. The winds will be south-westerly in direction, and ranging from gale force on the lower slopes to storm force up on the highest stopes.

Uleasabes, Calmigores and Lachst will fare somewhat better, although still cloudy. These areas should at least stay dry. The threezing level will be above the summits here too though, with the south-westerly winds ranging from gale force to storm force on the highest alones.

Outlook: Winds seating off on Friday but rain in all areas especially during the morning. Saturday will be dry and surny in the morning, but more rain is expected fatter, with which increasing in strength.

BOWLE: Embassy World Indoor singles and pairs championships (Presson). SNOOKER: Ortish Open (Derby). SQUASH RACKETS: Leekes Weish Classic (Cardill). BASKETBALL: Europoort: 7.0-10.0cm.

SCOTLAND Calmgome snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 1,800ft. Upper runs all complets, new snow, icy bits. Middle runs complete, new snow; icy patches. Lower runs nearly complets, some nursery areas but thin in places, spring snow. Access reads open. Chalifiths, car park and Coire na Clate open. Towar Aorsech, Link, Coire na Clate and Ptermigan closed.

OTHER SPORT

**GOLF** 

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DRUGS IN SPORT: POSITIVE TESTS AT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS A FURTHER SETBACK TO OLYMPIC GAMES BID BY POWERLIFTING

## Cloud over two more British weightlifters

By David Powell

Battle

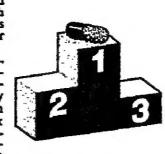
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British weightlifting plummeted deeper into controversy yesterday with the disclosure that two unnamed British competitors returned positive samples in drug tests at the world powerlifting championships in Canada three months

The British Amateur leight Lifters' Association (BAWLA), the governing body of powerlifting, is still burdened by the scandal of two Welsh weightlifters failing tests at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland last month, the case of Steve Pinsent, the 1982 Commonwealth light-heavyweight champion, who was jailed in November for supplying anabolic steroids, and that of Dean Willey, the Englishman

who was seeking his third successive Commonwealth Games gold medal but was dropped from the team for testing positive. If the second samples con-

firm the positive initial ones and it is rare for them not to the renewed attempt by powerlifting to be included in the Olympic Games will look untimely. When the Welsh-men, Ricky Chaplin and Gareth Hives, returned positive tests in Auckland, along with Subratakumar Paul, of India, there were calls for weightlifting to be removed from Commonwealth and Olympic competition, and Wally Holland, the secretary of BAWLA, said last night:
"This will do it no good at all - it will be a blow to the efforts of powerlifting to get into the Olympics."



John Moody, the secretary of the International Powerlifting Federation (IPF), said: "I believe there is an application going before the next International Olympic Committee meeting to make representations for recog-nition as an Olympic sport. There is no right time to have a positive test. It's not so much unfortunate as

disgusting."
Five of Britain's seven-man team returned from the world powerlifting championships with medals. John Neighbour won gold in the 110kg class, Neil Hurst silver in 125kg. John Clay silver in 52kg. Peter Tregloan bronze in 125+kg, and Frank Hoskins bronze in 82.5kg. Andy Kerr, in 125+kg. and David Brooks, in 110kg, did not win medals.

Of the two Britons who returned positive samples the IPF refused to say how many, if any, competitors from other countries had done so - one has appealed. "He is protesting his innocence and has paid for a second test, would be in excess of £100," Holland said. The other has another week to do so. "If he does not appeal in time we will name him, or if

of unseen

killer

By a Special Correspondent The leading British expert on the potentially fatal virus

which causes Weils disease

yesterday warned of its dan-

gers to sportsmen, particularly

those taking part in water

pecial seminar that the virus,

which is carried by rats, could

easily be contracted by people

taking part in water sports and

Speaking during the nat-

ional seminar on polluted wat-

that no vaccine was in sight.

the B samples fail we will name them," he said, Proof of a positive test would, Holland said, lead to a life ban imposed by BAWLA.

Last year six British powerlifters were given life bans after testing positive in British championship events. They included Neville Ouinn and Jamie Carney, who had competed in the senior events. Two more received the same punishment for refusing to take tests. In the early 1980s the BAWLA issued three-year bans for drug-takers but, with the escalating number of offenders, the penalty was increased to life.

Prompted by disclosures in The Times in November concerning dope-taking in the extend out-of-competition testing in Britain from international fixtures, national team squad training British championships and divisional fixtures, to testing at clubs and

Holland expects the new procedures to be implemented will be felt in less than two months and anybody who uses drugs in future will not be able to go long in the sport without being caught," he

The agreement forms people have to sign were being handed out in Auckland. You will have to be a genius to beat us. You would have to invent

even before the events of before it comes to Auckland, it was agreed to compension."

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Moody said: "If they can now implement this out-ofcompetition testing along with competition testing there is no way a drug-taker can live in

The Sports Council is to meet the cost of testing out of taxpayers' money.
There are two branches of

weightlifting. The Olympic lifting consists of the snatch and the clean and jerk and is a regular fixture in the Olympic and Commonwealth Games. Powerlifting comprises three basic strength movements; the bench press (lying on a bench pushing the har above one's head), the deep knees bend or squat, and the dead lift, in which the weight is raised sport, the BAWLA requested a some new drug. I am certain from the ground to the top of Sports Council inquiry and, we will weed out anybody the thighs.

early for defence From John Ballantine Los Angeles Mark Calcavecchia, who de-

this atmosphere." fends his title in the \$1m Nissan

Los Angeles Open which starts on the Riviera course on Sunset Boulevard here today is likely to play in the Bell's Scottish Open at Gleneagles in the week before he defends his Open championships at St Andrews from July 19 to 22. "There's a 50-50 chance I'll play twice in Scotland this summer," he said yesterday. "Gleneagles is an ideal tune-up for the old course and it would "I'd finish at Gleneagles on Sunday night, drive across to Fifeshire, take a complete rest on Monday, practise on Tues-day and rest again on Wednes-day. Then I'd be in terrific shape." When fresh water can be a danger to health

Calcavecchia is working on his summer schedule and will make a firm decision within two weeks. "The alternatives are to take a week off and get to St Andrews on the Sunday, or else play in the Bank of Boston Classic in Sutton Maryland in the week before the Open," he

been switched from a Septembe date 10 just before St Andrews Calcavecchia said that although he enjoys the Classic — he finished third behind Blaine year - playing in an American tournament so close to the Open made it the least likely of the

rce alternatives. Should Calcavecchia play in the Scottish, and win it, he will follow in the footsteps of a Californian, Michael Allen, who

won last year.
"My number one goal in 1990 is to repeat my Open victory, this time at the bome of golf Calcavecchia said. "The greatest disappointment would be not to

win at all this season."

-Sandy Lyle, who was the runner-up here last year, will not rejoin the tour until it arrives in Miami next week.

### SQUASH RACKETS

## Jansher in search of a new image

By Colin McQuillan

Jansher Khan, the world cham-pion, arrived in Cardiff yes-terday determined to win the richest men's tournament ever staged in Britain, the £50,000 Leekes Welsh Classic, and show a different profile to his critics. pion, 15-10, 15-7, 15-8 in a 55-minute first round match of the tournament that included fin-ger-wagging and accusations of Carter at the National Sports

Centre in Cardiff.
The second ambition may be take longer. Jansher incurre the wrath of the organiser promoters and leading players by failing to attend the world championship banquet in Kuala Lumpur. Then he was heavily punished by the International Squash Players' Association for

Squash Players Association for allegedly not trying in the Stuttgart Open.

Greg Hutchings, the Australian who has resumed as his manager, is determined to put Jansher back on course for competitive and commercial success. He said yesterday: "He knows now that his actions were wrong, though not deliberate, in Kuala Lumpur, but he did not stop trying in Stuttgart. He was just tired and fed up from a long tour."

HESULTS: First round: Janahar Khan (Paki) bt P Carter (Eng), 15-10, 15-7, 15-8; F Johnson (Swe) bt B Martin (Aus), 15-8, 12-15, 17-15, 15-9; C Watter (Eng) bt J Hokox (Fing), 15-14, 15-12, 9-15, 15-5; C Dittmar (Aus) bt S Hellstone (SA), 15-8, 15-14, 15-5; F Eyte (Aus) bt A Schmaber (Aux), 9-15, 15-13, 15-11, 15-2; C Robert-son (Aus) bt A Adarrage (Aus), 15-8, 15-8, 15-11; B Beseon (Eng) bt J Nicolio (Eng), 12-15, 15-8, 15-6; 15-6; M Maclesen (Scot) bt H Jahan (Eng), 17-15, 15-11, 15-12.

## **Swimmers** beware

## Villa's war chest is well stocked if Taylor needs to buy

FOOTBALL

Aston Villa have the money to cover in case of injuries. embark on a major spending spree to strengthen their chall-enge for the League and FA Cup double if their manager, Graham Taylor, feels the squad needs reinforcing before next month's transfer

The sale of Adrian Heath to Manchester City for £300,000 has left Taylor, who has no ready-made deputy for his centre forward Ian Olney, with around £2 million at his

It is no secret that Taylor has already made one abortive attempt to sign Tony Cascarino, Millwall's Republic of Ireland international. having previously failed with bids for Steve Bull, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Kevin Drinkell, while the latter was with Rangers.

Taylor has no intention of tampering with a side that has won him the last three manager of the month awards. But at the same time he acknowl-

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In addition to the £1.1 million received from Bayern Munich during the summer for last season's top scorer, Alan McInally, Villa have banked well over £1 million from gate receipts and television and advertising rev-

enue since Christmas. Doug Ellis, the chairman, is renegotiating sponsorship deals with Mita Copiers and Hummel, estimated to be worth another £1 million over the next three years, while every executive box at Villa Park has been hired out until the end of the season. Some £1,000 deposits have already being put down on a waiting list for next season.

● Mark Wright, the Derby County defender, was yes-terday given a one-match suspension by an FA disci-plinary commission. The former England centre half was found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute for comUnited at Old Trafford.

• Kevin MacDonald, the Coventry midfield player who is on the transfer list at his own request, is being linked with Leicester City, for whom he made 138 appearances before being sold to Liverpool for £400,000 in 1985. He moved to Coventry from Anfield last summer, on a free transfer, but has been unable to command a place in the

 The Manchester United manager, Alex Ferguson, has warned off clubs hoping to buy any of his players.

Ferguson was commenting esterday on reports that Southampton had made infor Russell quiries body from Southampton has been on to me. I have heard these stories and I can assure you they are rubbish. Nobody is for sale at this club, particularly among the young players, ments he made after being who are a vital part of the sent off against Manchester club's future."

## Cup clubs Chairman to hand over to his son

By Dennis Signy

generations.

The Cearns family has been associated with the club since 1910, when James Cearns was appointed a director of the original board. Len Cearns, aged 76, who is to stay on the board, has known all six managers the club has appointed. club has employed.

He became a director in 1948 and, two years later, on the death of his father, William J Cearns, he became vice-chair-man. He succeeded Reg Prart as chairman in 1979.
Martin Cearns, aged 45, is a banker with Barclays. He has been a director since 1978. Len's

been a director since 1978. Len's
elder brother, Will, is also on the
present board.

The directors will consider
Lou Macari's decision to resign
as manager last weekend and
discuss whether or not to continue until the end of the season

ATHLETICS

Len Cearns, the longest-serving director in the Football League, is to stand down as chairman of West Ham United at the end of today's board meeting in favour of his son, Martin, who will continue a family tradition at Upton Park which spans four generations.

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Another item for discussion

will be the attempt by Michael Wallace, the club's largest single shareholder, to obtain seats on the board for himself, John Cearns, younger brother of Len, and Geoff Hurst, the former West Ham player and Chelsea

Loan extended Stoke have agreed to extend the loan period of Scott Barrett, the goalkeeper, at Coichester for another week then review the situation weekly.

er and recreation at the Central Council of Physical Recreation, Dr Waitkins said that she would never swim in fresh water. "The virus is easily pene trated in the ears, eyes, nose and throat of swimmers or through cuts and abrasions of other water sport enthu-siasts," she said. "My attitude is that you abould never swim never really protect yourself Dr Waitkins told the seminer that reports of the disease had increased. In 1980, 81 cases were reported compared with 109 in 1988. Although only between five and eight people died from Weils disease last year, far fewer than died from drowning during the same period, she said it was a dancer obest which people On ice by the Isis: the Hertford College first eight get down to land training by the river where the Oxford Torpids would have taken place had conditions not been deemed unsafe you know the danger of drowning," she said. "However, you are not always aware of the his habit of licking the ball except to accept the risk. It is protection and conservation, before teeing off.

She stressed that informa-fact that a lot of people have to campaign to improve Britenvironment you are swim-ming in and whether it con-tains leptospirosis. It is

his habit or income before teeing off.

She stressed that information and protection were two of the best ways to defend against the best ways the best wa sportant to have as much information as possible."

Dr Waitkins, who is a the disease. She recommended that people should cover cuts and abrasions before sailing, the disease often produced symptoms similar to those caused by flu and could also

fishing or any other water-related sport.

She was particularly con-cerned about the training of young children to canoe: "The practice of teaching a novice canoeist how to roll over or 'eskimo' should be done in safer water, such as pools where the danger is much lower. We also need to control the number of rats as they are literally bags of infection."

Trevor Symmons, of the Extremely cheap but we should British Long Distance Swimning Association, said be was "quite horrified" at Dr Waitklu's revelations. "Presumably, there is absolutely nothing we can do related issues, environmental

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RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cross Keys 16, Portugaldd 4; Llandli 65, Tradagar 4; Army 13, Met Police 12: Northern 23, Newcastle Univ 5; Oxford Univ 35, Anti-Assassins 12; Carl Service 0, Royal Niny 36.

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these symptoms at this time of ish water.

ear, anyway."

"The delegates should make
The Great Britain rowing the most of their reputation as year, anyway." pool water. "I was a swimming coach for eight years and in that time I saw more illness as

at the dangers facing water sport enthusiasts abroad and the dangers from effluent sew-age poliution. Pouring sewage into the sea is obviously

GUESN'S CLUB: Berdons temperature. Major T Brethmayer bi 2nd Li A Ledgard, 15-1, 15-0, 15-4; Capi M Chitty to 2nd Li A Vestion, 15-8, 15-4; Capi M Chitty to 2nd Li A Watson, 15-8, 15-4, 15-6, 2nd Li P Temment by 2nd Li P Toyter-Sewell, 15-6, 15-0, 15-9; Maj D Read-Felando D 2nd Li P Villers-Smith, 15-1, 15-2, 15-5. Registeredard devolutes: Li J Bingworth and Li Col R Broke, 16-2, 15-5, 7-15, 15-16, 15-12; Li Col B Alton and P Watson by 2nd Li A Viller-Smith, 15-0, 15-5, 15-7.

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team doctor, Dr Peter respectable sportsmen to en-Thomas, was just as wary of sure that water safety was the dangers of swimming in moved up the political pool water. "I was a swimming agenda," she said. "We have moved up the political agenda," she said. "We have seen the recent power of football fans to raise the issue a result of people using swim-ming pools than anything else," he said.

"I think we should also look
"It is particularly important

to do so as water sports are an increasing area with more people living longer, being conscious of health and wanting to be involved in leisure

Ron Emes, who was the chairman for the seminar, said that council members would obviously have to extend their vision of what recreation and polluted water entailed.

### AMERICAN FOOTBALL

## Lack of a venue forces Italians on to sideline

Milan and Rome, the two European television network

stadium, and when no suitable alternative could be found it was decided to go ahead without the Italian teams for the inaugural

Carroll Huntress, the ILAF commissioner, said: "It was a real disappointment to us. We have had good relations with CONI and it was just one of those things. The World Cup took precedence and we under-stand that."

the ILAF hopes to announce a out.

Milan and Rome, the two Italian teams who were to form part of the International League of American Football (ILAF), have postponed their entry until 1991 to avoid clashing with football's World Cup.

The Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) have said that the World Cup needs the Rome stadium, and when no suitable

attract speciators. Off the field, rock concerts or giveaway days may be planned. On the field, the league wants to keep the play moving and will keep penalties to a minimum.

Another innovation being considered is a three-point conversion. Teams could either kick after a touchdown as normal for one point, choose to run or pass the ball from the 11/2tand that."

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LONDON ARENA: Light-middleweight (10 rds): Tony Collins (Vathley) to Joe Fernandez, (Texas), 1st md; 6 rds): Comelus Carr (Middleshrough) by Parter Gorney (Streathen), 48t; (6 rds) Shaun Curemins (Lucaster) bt Brian Robinson (Lasings), 5th. Light-weiter (4 rds): Denné Hollington (West Hern) bt David Tonkins (Swanses), 5th. Sepes-teather (6 rds): Mark Tokle (West Ham) to Mark Fairmen (5 rds): Mark Tokle (West Ham) to Mark Fairmen (6 rds): Mark Tokle (West Ham) to Mark Fairmen (6 rds): Mark Tokle (West Ham) to Mark Fairmen (7 rds): Mark Tokle (West Ham) to Mark Fairmen (7 rds): Mark Tokle (West Ham) to Mark Fairmen (7 rds): Mark Tokle (West Ham) to Mark Fairmen (7 rds): Mark Tokle (West Ham) to Mark Fairmen (7 rds): Mark Tokle (West Ham) to Mark Fairmen (7 rds): Mark Tokle (West Ham) to Mark Fairmen (7 rds): Mark Tokle (Migne), 2 rd.

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former director of the lepto-spirosis unit in Hereford, said

lead to jaundice, conjunctivitis

and, in about half the cases

"Rais were the most im-

portant source of infection," she said. "Between 60 to 80

per cent of rats in Britain carry the disease in their kidneys."

Dr Waitkins did point out that the incidence of Weils disease

was not only found in people

She said that a few years ago a golfer had reported having the disease and it had been found that the cause was

she had seen, meningitis.

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**REAL TENNIS** SERVICES TOURSAMENT; Singles: 2nd L1A Harrison bt L1 G Morris-Adems, 11-9, Regi-mental doubles: Capt M Chitty and Capt A Groom bt Capt E Rose and Maj N Polisy, 11-10, Combined Services doubles: Capt J English and L1 A Harrison bt Maj I Peri-Mair and Capt E Rose, 10-6. **RUGBY FIVES** 

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Turner (Avon), 6-4, 6-5; M Perichary (Essex) It
D Ison (Laca), 6-5, 6-1; M Christmann (Devi)
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Schmidt (WG), 6-0 6-2. STUTTGART: ATP tomin tournement: First round: S Rahamen (Ph) is J Sanchez (Sp., 7-6, 6-5; E Sanchez (Sp.) bt J Garnarrasco (Swe), 6-4, 6-1; M Gasshamon (Swe) bt G harniseric (Yag), 4-8, 7-8, 6-4; B Sector (MG) bt B Dylon (MG), 7-8, 6-4; A Menedorf (ar) bt C-J Steb (MG), 6-2, 6-1; A Menedorf (BSR) bt S Zhojinovic (Yag), 6-2, 7-5.

Anderson (BA), 7-5, 6-1; A Thomas (B4) bt M Anderson (BA), 7-5, 6-1; A Thomas (B4) bt M Anderson (BA), 7-5, 6-1; A Thomas (B7) bt K Richatt (BB), 6-1, 7-5; N Belt (W5) bt N Britano (BB), 6-1, 7-1; K Hand (BB) bt A Van Burnn (Neth), 6-4, 6-1; K Hand (BB) bt A Van Burnn (Neth), 6-4, 6-4, Gauste-Allett Cellers bt Thomas, 6-4, 7-6:1 Petter (W6) bt Belt, 6-4, 6-4; S Beglin (Neth) bt C Whillot (Bel), 7-6, 8-2; Coorangel bt Hand, 2-4, 6-1, 6-1.

BRANNALL: LTA women's calcillo to

24, 6-1, 6-1.

PHILADELPHIA: US belier championship:
Second round: P Korda (Cz) bt A Chemokov
(ISSR), 6-2, 6-4; J Vzaga (Peru) by C Garner
(US), 6-0, 6-4; P Sampras (US) bt M Smiber
(Zz), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3; R Krishman (Indis) bt T
Whiston (US), 6-3, 6-2; G Layendocker (US) bt D
Wheeston (US), 6-4, 6-4; B Gibert (US) bt T
Wildson (US), 6-2, 7-5; P Hammus (Nem) bt M Pentiors (Swe), 4-6, 7-5; W Massar
(Aus) bt D Gödde (US), 2-0, 7-6, 6-2; M Kristzmann (Aus) bt S Devis (US), 7-6, 4-8, 6-1; A Gonza; (Es) bt S Szmidler (Cent), 7-5, 6-2; P Annacone (US) bt N Kroon (Swe), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; J Counter (US) bt N Kroon (Swe), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; J Counter (US) bt N Kroon (Swe), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4. CRICAROMA CITY: Vinglab Silves bus-perticat: First reports: III Malicave (Suitz) bit S Smith (GB), 6-2, 6-1; C Lindqviet (Swe) bit C Silveniani (LS), 6-2, 6-2; A Frazier (LS) bit Mi Norwood (US) 6-0, 6-2; J Santrock (LS) bit Mi Norwood (US) 6-0, 6-2; J Santrock (LS) bit Mi Norwood (US) 6-0, 6-2; J Santrock (LS) bit Mi Norwood (US) 6-0, 6-2; J Santrock (LS) bit Mi Silveniani (LS), 7-6, 6-7, 6-3. K Jordan (LS) bit Pix Na (LS), 7-6, 6-7, 6-3.

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The Football Association has hared a sum of £440,000 moog the clubs who took part in last season's FA Cup complete the complete the complete the contribution towards the cost of pound improvements which will be needed following the favor report. [aylor report.] Sheffield United's Scottish off winger Ian Bryson has been redered to rest for three weeks recause of a damaged Achilles endon. The Sheffield club have llowed Irish centre back Jim Januon, a £50,000 signing from Dundalk, to join fourth division . Ialifax on a month's loan. Januar on a month's foan.

Crystal Palace's home first livision match against Derby County, put back from March 10 to make way for Palace's FA hap quarter-final game, has seen rearranged for Tuesday, March 20.

D Paul Hardyman of Sunderand has been banned for three natches by an FA disciplinary natches by an FA disciplinary commission. Hardyman was ound guilty of bringing the ame into disrepute by his avolvement in an incident at he end of the match with Middlesbrough on February 4. Ie was alleged to have struck Middlesbrough's Mark Proctor fifer the final whistle. utter the final whistle.

D Leyton Orient's record signing. Paul Beesley, who cost in October, is expected to be out or at least a month after lamaging a knee against Brentott in last Sunday's third livision match.

Harrison gets the upper hand By Sally Jones

There were mixed fortunes for wo of the favourites in the Combined Services real tennis nd rackets championship at he Queen's Club. In the ackets singles, the promising oung 2nd Lieutenant Tony Jarrison, the former Radley irst string and the second seed n this event, defeated the organizer, Major Tim Breitmeyer, in three entertain-In the real tennis, however,

larrison, a relative novice at he game, lost to the favourite, t Col Barry Aitken, while 3reitmeyer, who is seeded in 10th events, came through comfortably against Maj Ian Park-Weir. Breitmeyer and litken then combined effectively for a powerful victory n the real tennis doubles. IN THE TEAR RETHING COUNTES.

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Noty, 15-4, 15-2, 15-8; LI P Tennent bit Lit
C Morris-Adams, 15-11, 15-10, 15-11,
Tegissental Doubles: Irien Guards bt
AAOC,RDAC, 15-8, 15-8, 15-8; RHGD bt
Army Air Corps, 15-7, 15-5, 15-5.

## England still have no answers to Test questions

morning was the narrow fail-ure of Robert Haynes to

complete his maiden first-

class century. A tall, free-flowing left-hander, he had made 98 in three hours when

Gooch, bowling only his third over of the innings, induced an indiscreet drive to mid-on.

has firmly promoted himself

for Test contention at some

point of this series. Slow

bowlers may not feature high

in the West Indian scheme but

a 25-year-old leg spinner who can also bat this well must

The last two Jamaican wick-

ets feil to consecutive balls

from Malcolm and Fraser and

England, with a lead of 94, sensibly promoted Stewart to open with Larkins, Gooch

reasoning that to bat again after making 239 would only risk playing himself out of

Stewart contributed 39 to an

opening stand of 137 before

falling leg-before as he tried to

sweep the off spinner, Perry,

Total (2 wide)
"G A Goods, D J Capel, 19 C Russe
Hemmings, D E Malcolstand A R C

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-137, 2-180.

surely have a case.

Haynes made tortured progress back to the pavilion but his consolation is that he

Three days' cricket which at no stage threatened to develop into a serious contest drifted to its inevitable stalemate yesterday with the England nuestions about its policy for Saturday's first Test match.

The fundamental quandary confronting it is whether to reby restricting the attack to four bowlers. Supple- England might be unwise to mentary decisions involve the take so early in the choice of new-ball bowlers and proces

the inclusion of a spinner. If anything is to be divined from the last of the party's should play, but so much of warm-up games, the selectors are leaning towards negative options. So anxious are they to conclusions could be mislead-survive this initial game on ing. Given that this young, the Sabina Park pitch that spin-orientated Jamaican side they are proposing to adopt a is wholly unrepresentative of

It would not be so alarming if England had four bowlers on whom they could depend but, if they elect to go in with just the four seam bowlers, the attack will boast only 21 caps given his bowlets two chances and 46 Test wickets. If, alternatively, they include just have concentrated the Hemmings or Medlycott minds of all the players on an within the four-man confine- authentic contest, rather than ment, either Fraser or Small, the stultifying extended net the two most reliable bowlers, sessions that this became.

Hussain, who has yet to anyway - before Tuesday indicate he is equipped to evening's rain and, once Eng-Russell would at No. 7. It is to remaining wickets in the be hoped that England resist opening hour, they could aim the temptation and retain a for nothing more than further

ished yesterday, several of the raised for the Tests. England batsmen said they had trouble seeing the ball when the bowler's arm went

Mike Gatting's team is facing a miserable end to its troubled tour of South Africa, A full house of 30,000 is expected at the Wanderers in Johannesburg today for the final daynight international against South Africa, which wraps up the five-week nightmare.

After all the political problems of the early weeks, which led to the tour being cut short by a fortnight, Gatting's team have not even been able to enjoy the incident-free cricket

open the bowling remains equally problematical. Interestingly, David Capel was given the new ball yesterday morning but, having hitherto bowled encouragingly well, he conceded 18 runs in two wild overs. Next to Malcolm, he is England's fastest bowler, but to put these two in harness with the new ball is a risk Malcolm has done enough

here to persuade me that he this match was played in an unreal environment that firm strategy with a long history of Caribbean strengths, I still maintain it was in England's best interests to try and beat

if Gooch had declared on the first evening, an hour before the close, it would have with the new ball and might

but Larkins was in uncompromising form and completed his second century of the tour in 115 minutes. He None of these options can nowhere for the match to go. retired, allegedly with stom-ach trouble, on 124 to make way for Smith, who wasted the be justified simply as an Jamaica had avoided the folexpedient to include an extra low-on - which would probpresumably ably not have been enforced, opportunity and was bowled make any more runs than land had taken the three

## l'est screen complaint

equest to have the pavilion Jamaican fast bowler, on his sight screen at Sabina test debut took seven wickets Park raised by five feet in time from the same end — and he is for the first Test against the in the West Indies squad.

Micky Stewart, the England anager, said: "Way back in During England's match the autumn we asked for the st Jamaica, which fin- screen at Sabina Park to be

The Jamaican Cricket Association have problems. They have sold seats behind the screen. But we have made a

batsman Tim Robinson has

## Gatting's last chance on tour

They go into today's match 3-0 down after being thrashed by 207 runs at Bloemfontein on Tuesday. And they are fighting for some sort of pride on a ground where they lost the only full-scale match against the Springboks inside three days. Gatting himself is still

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says he will definitely play; missed the entire one-day series with a broken finger, and there is still a doubt about

Graham Dilley, the bowler who played in the first two one-day games but rested his chronic knee complaint for

Both sides will name their line-ups shortly before the start, with Gatting hoping that the pitch is a better one than suffering with a sore elbow but

Meanwhile, the issue of next winter's second Gatting tour is to be discussed again by South African cricket officials

## Dutch courage reaps rich dividends



Caught on the burst: Marc Delissen, of the Netherlands, tries to break clear of the West German defence in the semi-final of the hockey World Cup in Lahore yesterday. The Dutch, who won 3-2, play Pakistan in tomorrow's final. Reports, page 44

## **Kuwaitis** beat Bahrain

Knwait (AP) — Kuwait yes-terday defeated Bahrain 1-0 in Naples (AFP) — Fraud squad the opening match of the tenth Gulf Arab football tournament at the Peace and Friendship Stadium in Kuwait. Bahrain put on a lot of pressure from the kick-off, but an error in marking in the box after nine minutes cost them

Nasser Ghanim, the Kuwaiti captain, executed a free the investigation. kick from the box. Wavil Suleiman, left unmarked in the center, headed home past diving Hmoud Sultan.

The tournament is played by Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Iraq, and the United Arab Emirates. The UAE is one of the 24 contenders for at a cost of \$120 million (£70 the World Cup finals in June.

The seventh member of the contest, Saudi Arabia, bas not participated in this Gulf Cup tournament because of a dispute over the Kuwaitis' emblem - two horses which defied a Saudi siege of a Kuwaiti outpost in the 1920s to bring back military reinforcements. The Saudi cancellation came only five days before the contest was to start. The Saudi Football Association stood by the decision despite Kuwait's quick

withdrawal of the posters. The tournament is a prestigious event for the Gulf region's most favoured sport.

## Police are looking into Cup building contracts

claims that the local mafia. the Camorra - are involved in \$400 million (£235 million) building contracts for the World Cup soccer finals.

Persistent questioning by Diego Tesorone's, a local councillor, of how public money was being spent led to

"I just couldn't see where the money was coming from and where it was going," he

Detectives are working their way through mountains of paperwork for tenders for rebuilding the Napoli stadium million)and extending the high-speed tramway for \$200 million (£117 million).

They also want to account for another \$80 million (£47 million) of work contracted

Antonio Iannello, the head of Italy's National Trust, said with the money they had already spent on the tramway they could have built a brand

Manlio Carli, another local councillor, claimed building costs soared when Camorra firms won tenders.

Rosario Rusciano, the overseeing However, it said investicouncillor

construction work, denied there was any malpractice.

"This is complete non-

sense," he said. Police here said yesterday they had identified members of an underworld gang that broke into safe deposit boxes at a Naples bank and stole a golden football awarded to

Diego Maradona. The ball, given to Maradona after he led Argentina to the championship of the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, was part of the loot taken from 66 safe deposit boxes on October

ANSA, the Italian news agency, quoted police as say-ing the bandits were members of a gang linked to the Camorra family of Giuseppe

Investigators said the football and other items of gold taken from the safety deposit boxes were melted down into ingots and sold to a company in Arezzo, about 80km east of

Police said the bandits in all stole about 110kg of gold, worth an estimated 1.7 billion

lire (£705,000). ANSA said police had arrested two alleged members

Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia, 6-

Becker was trailing 4-1 in

the first set when at the end of

the game he hit a ball into the

back of the court. Ings warned

him for ball abuse, whereupon

Backer marched up to the

lngs's chair and harangued

ings responded by issuing a

point penalty for unsports-

manlike conduct. Balls then

started flying on court from within the crowd and one

Becker settled down to win

the first set by taking the tiebreak 7-2, but in the open-

ing game of the second set he

struck Ings on the back.

of the gang.

took part in the heist. Doctors in Rome,

checked the aching left km r of Alexei Mikhailichenko, the Soviet midfield player, said yesterday that the player does not immediately need surgery. Doctors said the left knee of the 26-year-old Kiev and Soviet national team player

may heal with rest alone. The Soviet player underwent several knee examinations in Italy, following an injury suffered during an exhibition match of the Soviet

team in Pesaro last week. In an interview with Corriere dello Sport, Rome's sports daily, Mikhailichenko said he would like to play inthe Italian major league next season and indicated that Roma had an option for his

ssible transfer. Meanwhile, Alexandr Zavarov and Sergei Aleinikov, two other Soviet players, may be dropped by Juventus of Turin at the end of this season as a result of their mixed

performances Zavarov, Aleinikov and Mikhailichenko will be the key midfielder players for the Soviet team in the World Cup

next June. The Soviet Union is bracketed in Group B with Argentina, Cameroon and Romania.

score as 0-40. Becker slammed Soviet Union, beat Slobodan

his racket down on to the

court in anger, but the umpire

At the end of the change

over, however, lngs called the ATP supervisor, Ed Hardisty,

on to the court to talk to

Still struggling to find his

form, Becker lost his serve for

the third time in the set when

leading 5-3. He finally

wrapped up the victory by

breaking Dyke's serve in the

Fencing comes out

Coventry are to remove the perimeter fencing on two sides of their pitch in time for

Sunday's Littlewood's Cup semi-final second leg against Nottingham Forest, in line with the Taylor report.

Manchester's

Olympic bid

is under threat

Kuwait (Agencies) - The Brit-

end investment sanctions

against South Africa may

jeopardize Manchester's

hopes to stage the 1996 Sum-

mer Olympics, according to a leading member of the Inter-

national Olympic Committee

Jean-Claude Ganga, of the Congo, said that British poli-

cies could cost Manchester

support from many African

countries and those with a

firm policy of opposition to

"I am only one vote, but

there is bad feeling about Mrs

Thatcher's attitude. When

were are nearing the goal, she

is going backwards." Ganga said, during meetings here of

the IOC Commission on

Apartheid.

let the violation pass.

Becker.

## **Pitching** for a better average

END COLUMN

By Robert Kirley

George Will, a redoubtable political columnist in the United States, recently opined that the best thing about the Seper Bowl, the National Football League final, is that once it is over, nothing stands in the way of the baseball eason. He is usually right —

when Americans, shudd in the last throes of winter, revel in thoughts of the nat-ional pastime: the crack of bat on ball, cigar smoke wafting across sun-drenched swards, the brashness of the roving peanut vendors, and ninth-inning rallies en-

gineered by the good guys.

Alas, the bats are sile Spring-training camps should be operating at full tilt, with kinks and the rookies striving to impress. However, as with all big-time sport in America, money has spoken bluntly. Labour negotiations began at the end of November. The

wners voted on February 9 to lock the players out of the 26 major-league camps, which were scheduled to open last Friday. Eighteen teams train and all lie idle. Chuck O'Connor, the representative of the owners, has said that camps would remain closed in the absence of a collective-bergaining agreement.

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### Looking for share of the bounty

money and the owners want to pay less — or, at least, to place a limit on how much they have to pay. The average salary in the American and Nation leagues exceeded \$500.000 (about £294,000) last seas and the escalation continue just keeping adding noughts.
Robin Yount, of the Mil-

wankee Brewers, the me valuable player in the American League last season, sign a contract on Tuesday that will pay him more than \$9.5 million (£5.6 million) over three years, making him one of 10 players to average \$3 million a season. On Monday, Paul Molitor, a team-mate of Yount's, agreed a three-year, \$9.09 million contract.

\$68,000 (£40,000) last year, so nobody in the big leagues lugs a state sandwich and a braised banana to work. In most clubhouses, the Wall Street Journal has a more devoted readership than the The Sporting News. Batting averages of our next opponents? Forget it. Let me see the listings for my oil exploration limited partnership and my municipal-bond funds.

The players want to share in the bounty they say they, as the talent, produce. CBS, the television network, has paid baseball \$1.1 billion (£647 million) for broadcast rights for the next four sea ESPN, a sports network, has paid \$400 million (£235 million) for a four-year deal that entitles it to televise six games 🎉 a week on cable.

### Start of season could be delayed

Spring-training fixtures are scheduled to begin on March 1, but the players would likely want more time to prepare if the impasse contin takes more than just a day or two or three of tossing on the side for a pitcher to throw in any kind of a game situation Donald Febr, the union nego tiator, said.

Molitor, the union repre-sentative of the Brewers, who has attended the bargaining sessions, said that even the uled to begin on March 1, could be jeopardized unless the dispute ends swiftly.

The owners are hardly impoverished. In addition to the television revenue, ticket prices have gone up yearly and the value of the clubs has appreciated. In 1980, ticket prices for the Los Angeles Dodgers ranged from \$2 to \$4.50; now they are \$5 to \$9. Last year, Eli Jacobs paid \$70 million for the Baltimore Orioles. Edward Bennett Williams had bought the club for \$12 million nine years earlier

The players are resolute. As enother \$3 million man, Kirby ackett, of the Min Twins, said: "Am I werth it? I don't know. But I do know one thing. If they didn't have it to give to you, you sare wouldn't get it."

Meanwhile, supporters in the northern climes of Schenectady, Missoula, Sheboygan and Butte can only wait, dres and toss another log on the

More baseball, page 43

## Victor has praise for brave Hand

Kaye Hand, of Berkshire, the Satellite women's tennis tourby the No. 2 seed, Gaby

Coorengel, of Holland, ranked more than 200 places above Hand, was full of admiration for her British opponent. "Kaye was every-

Coorengel will face Sandra Begijn from the Netherlands faces the qualifier, Morten tomorrow for a place in the final.

## Lewis to miss cross-country championship

Dave Lewis, from Rossendale, the reigning champion, will miss the Provincial Insurance English nine miles cross-country championship at Leeds on Saturday as be is recovering

from a knee operation. Lewis, aged 29, who also won the title in 1985, has recently resumed light training after a six week rest, following the surgery to a damaged ligament.

His coach, Norman Poole said Lewis, one of England's leading cross-country runners, would not be fit until the middle of the summer. Eamonn Martin, the

Golden Svan Commonwealth 10,000 me-Gunde Svan, of Sweden, recorded his 28th World Cup tres champion, from Basildon, victory of his career by beating another former English crosshis Norwegian rival, Vegard country champion is also missing from the line-up. But Ulvang, in the 15km crosshe plans to do the British trial country ski race at Tesero, next month, for the world Italy, yesterday. But Ulvang championships in Glasgow, in snatched the World Cup over-

In the other semi-final Inlast British hope in the LTA grid Peltzer, the West Gernament at the Matchpoint unranked Belgian teenager, Tennis Centre, Manchester, Els Callens, who, on paper, was beaten in the quarter-finals yesterday 6-2, 1-6, 1-6 the qualifying rounds. She the qualifying rounds. She upset the No. 1 seed in the second round and has yet to

Mark Petchey, of Loughton, is the only British survivor in the Serve and Volley satellite where in the first set. I knew I tournament at Croydon after my game. I think she can do David Ison 6-3, 6-1, yesterday. well," she said.

Petchey, the No. 8 seed, Christensen, from Denmark, in the quarter-finals.

Verdict for

Brabham

David Brabham has been

named the 1989 British For-

months after the season fin-

ished. Brabham finished

bove his nearest challenger,

Allan McNish, on points but

the championship was with-

held because of alleged engine

irregularities to both cars.
The RAC Motor Sports

Association has now awarded

award the championship to

Brabham with McNish as

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3 champion, four

Under ATP rules, one more violation of the code of conduct would have meant Wednesday, Amos Mansdorf,

SPORT IN BRIEF

European junior outdoor title in 1985, and the 1500 metres.

## Flooded out

Worcestershire, county cricket champions, have been hit by the worst floods at their New Road headquarters for more

## Becker catches a

came within one code violation of being defaulted during his 7-6, 6-4 first round win over Brod Dyke of Australia at the ATP Eurocard Classic tennis tournament yesterday.

Becker, ranked second in the world and seeded second here after Ivan Lendl, was warned for ball abuse by the Australian umpire, Richard Ings, at the end of the fifth game of the first set. In the ensuing argument Ings issued a point penalty against Becker for unsportsmanlike conduct.

In other first-round matches of Israel, upset the fourthseed, Carl Uwe Steeb, of West out. Dyke had already hit a Germany, 6-2, 6-1, and winner and lugs called the

Brabham: Formula 3 victory

Agen (AFP) - Albert Ferrasse,

the French rugby union

federation president, believes South Africa should be given

the 1995 World Cup. It would

signify the end of apartheid,

he said here yesterday. South

Africa agreed to avoid causing

untarily withdrawing from the

first tournament in 1987 and

next year's competition to be

staged in Britain, Ireland and

Rugby step

lost his temper again. At 0-30, he claimed his first serve was

### Baffi's sprint Messina (AP) - Adriano Baffi took the fifth and next-to-last stage of the "Sicilian week" road cycling race outsprinting his Danish teammate, Rolf Sorensen, and a fellow Italian. Silvio Martinello, here yes-terday. The Dutchman, Ste-

## O'Brien twice

ven Rooks, retained the

The Stretford athlete, Nick O'Brien, has been selected to run for Ireland in the Euroin Glasgow from March 3-4 at both the 3,000 metres, the distance at which he won the

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Victim's rights Moves to ensure CA pass-list